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Mubarak calls for shared prosperity at Cairo conference

and news agencies CAIRO

OPENING the third Middle East/North Africa Economic conference. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called yesterday for the continuation of "sustained and

shared prosperity" for the region.

Palestinian officials at the conference criticized Israel's closure of the territories and the Irish foreign minister won applause when he called for a peace setlement based on the implementation of 'existing agreements."

Today, we are witnessing the rebirth of he Middle East," Mubarak told the 3,500 lelegates.

Mubarak called on Moslems. hristians, and Jews to forget their differnces and strive for peace and economic prosperity. He also promised further economic reforms in Egypt, predominantly

through privatization and liberalization "Growth in the 21st century lies in exports." Mubarak said. This is key to creating more jobs. he said.

Mubarak's comments were supported by outgoing US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who said the economic track is "a whole new development in the peace

Christopher hoped the summit would bring "new impetus" to regional development projects. He added he is encouraged by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's commitment to reform Meanwhile. Israeli businessmen say

they are pleased by the reception they have received so far, despite predictions Arab delegates would not talk to them. "It is a business summit, not a political

said Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper. "Wherever you look here, there are discussions between Israelis and Egyptians, Israelis and



Jordanians, and the Gulf. Businessmen can feel the potential."

MENA Sconomic Summit

The Israeli business delegation has representatives from all sizes of companies, including the heads of big holding firms. like Clal's Avi Olsmansky, and those from

smaller operations, like Barbara Faktor, managing director of Arkia Medical. They all speak optimistically about prospects for a successful three-day conference.

Palestinians at the conference lashed out at Israel, however, accusing it of strangling their economy and hindering regional cooperation through the closure of self-

"We have been unable to do any substantial business with the rest of the world and also with our neighbors, Jordan and Egypt," said Maher Masri, Palestinian economy and trade minister, referring to the ongoing closure of the territories.

stances. Poverty never produces peace,

Nabil Shaath, Palestinian minister of planning and international cooperation, told a news conference: "We want the whole conference to be a card for putting



Africa Economic Conference. Behind them British Trade Minister Anthony Nelson (right) speaks with a member of the United Arab Emirates delegation.

demands Azzam's release

DAVID HARRIS CAJRO

FOREIGN Minister David Levy yesterday demanded the Egyptian government immediately release . . Azzam Azzam, an Israeli citizen who was arrested last week for

spying.
The Foreign Ministry received Cairo's confirmation of Azzam's arrest last night, during the second meeting of the day between Levy and his Egyptian counterpart Amr Moussa.

Levy refused to comment when asked by reporters if Azzam is accused of helping an Egyptian citizen spy for Israel. Levy also refused to comment when asked if the arrest was timed to coincide with the Middle East/North-Africa Economic Conference to create a bad atmosphere for the Israeli delegation.

Angered by the week's delay in informing Israel of Azzam's (Continued on Page 2)

State attorney decides to indict Ne'eman

STATE Attorney Edna Arbel said yesterday that she has decided to indict former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman for perjury and obstructing justice.

However, Ne'eman will not be charged with the crime for which he originally was investigated suborning a witness - because police were unable to find enough evidence to support an indictment, Arbel told the High Court of

The investigation of Ne eman began after Globes journalist Yoav Yitzhak filed a petition opposing Ne'eman's appointment as justice minister in June. Yitzhak accused Ne'eman of a variety of crimes that made him unfit for the post. Most of Yitzhak's charges had

been investigated and found baseless in the past, so the court quickly dismissed them. However, one allegation in the petition - that Ne'eman had tried to persuade a witness in the trial of Shas leader Aryeh Deri not to testify - had

never before been investigated. Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decided to open a police inquiry into that allegation.

Martin Brown, the witness

EYELYN GORDON

Ne'eman is alleged to have pressured, repeatedly denied the incident took place. Arbel decided there was not enough evidence to make the charge stick.

During the course of the investigation, however, police uncovered evidence to indict Ne'eman on two other counts, according to the state's affidavit to the High Court.

One charge is that Ne'eman committed perjury by submitting a false affidavit to the High Court in response to Yitzhak's petition. According to the draft indictment, Ne'eman lied about his connection. to Brown and his association with the Deri trial to mislead the court into dismissing the petition - even though he knew this information could be important to the court. Perjury carries a maximum

penalty of seven years in prison. The second charge is that Ne'eman lied to police about his relationships with Brown, Deri and Deri's lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, while he was under investigation. This would constitute obstruction of justice.

court, Ne'eman, who is currently in the US, will have a hearing with Arbel at which he can my to convince her of his innocence. The attorney-general normally conducts such hearings, but because of the bad blood between Ne'eman and himself, Ben-Yair decided it would be better to let Arbel make all decisions in the case. This is also why Arbel, rather than Ben-Yair, made the decision to indict Ne'eman.

Ne'eman has accused Ben-Yair of opening proceedings against him just to protect his own job, following rumors the cabinet intended to fire him. The original accusation against

Ne'eman was based on a 1992 police memorandum that allegedly detailed a phone conversation between Brown and police Dep.-Cmdr. Meir Gilboa.

According to the memorandum, Brown called Gilboa after making a statement to the police during their investigation of Deri. He complained that Ne'eman had summoned him to his office the following day and asked: "What are you doing helping the police?" (Continued on Page 2)

top-level bid for Hebron deal

and DAVID HARRIS

HIGH-LEVEL Israeli Palestinian negotiators were cloistered in talks last night at the Herzliya Pituah residence of US Ambassador Martin Indyk, in a last-ditch effort to work out an agreement over Hebron by today. Officials said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu might postpone his departure for the US tonight because of the negotia-

"His presence is necessary here at this sensitive juncture," one official said. The prime minister is due to address the annual assembly of North American Jewish federations in Seattle tomorrow night.

The Israeli negotiating team was headed by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Linkin-Shahak. who cut short a visit to soldiers in south Lebanon to hasten to Herzliva. The team included another military adviser, Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, as well as Netanyahu aides Yitzhak Molcho and Dore Gold

The Palestinian team was led by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud

Shahak was in the security zone yesterday to interview soldiers at the IDF post whose tanks were hit by missiles earlier this week, when he was summoned to Herzliya, the

They pointed out that the Palestinians had turned down a bridging proposal put forward by the US. According to the sources. Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat still hopes the US will get Israel to bend on the special security arrangements it would like in Hebron. Earlier, US President Bill Clinton had sent a letter to Arafat urging him to speed up the signing.

"We were ready to sign two and a half weeks ago," an Israeli official said, "but unless there is a dramatic breakthrough [in last night's talks], it doesn't look possible. Arafat still has to give the go-

Netanyahu is ready to meet a key Palestinian demand and issue a written pledge to honor all agree-ments, including further with-

Netanyahu and Arafat, attended by Ross. Throughout the day there were rumors that a deal was very close, but Foreign Ministry officials damped down the speculation. Ross has decided to stay in the region for as long as he is need-

"We are very close to a deal," Levy said. "There is no reason to put this off any longer.'

Levy reported that during meetings with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last week and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa vesterday. Cairo said it is neither encouraging Arafat to delay a decision on the redeployment agreement nor asking him to do anything against his wishes. Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to

Swiss verify 11 claims for Holocaust victims' wealth

ZURICH - A Swiss banking ombudsman in charge of seeking out dormant accounts of Holocaust victims said yesterday that banks had confirmed 11 valid requests for 1.6 million Swiss francs (\$1.3m.) in unclaimed wealth.

Three of these 11 legitimate claims were held in the name of bank customers murdered by the Nazis, ombudsman Hanspeter Haeni said in a statement prepared for delivery at a news conference.

"Two other customers were Jews who lived in Romania and were totally dispossessed during the war on account of discriminatory legislation," Haeni added. He did not name the customers or the banks involved. Haeni did not describe the six other depositors, but the search was broad-ranging, covering accounts dormant

up until 1985 on the theory that it would cover any Holocaust victims who died during or after the Nazi

"In terms of figures, the results of our activities may seem disappointing at first glance," Haeni said. "I myself consider the results encouraging, just because

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something has been found." He said the 51 searches he has has conducted so far resulted from 2,229 requests for assistance received during the first nine months of the year. In investigating some cases, Haeni found worthless

defunct German enterprises. Throughout, he clearly saw the impact of the stringent currency regulations in Nazi Germany. "The Nazis left nothing to chance," Haeni said. "For example, we have a list of assets that had to be submitted to the authorities. This list also contained a credit balance in

Romanian bonds from the 1930s and securities from

Switzerland." One case "clearly shows" that at least some of the assets were subsequently transferred to Germany, he said. The Nazis confiscated any such assets.

Haeni, whose work has been dismissed by Jewish critics as a "cruel hoax" designed simply to protect Swiss banks, said his office would continue to act as the central contact point for Holocaust account inquiries for an indefinite period.

tasty home-baked

The cellphone plague: Don't call

Before the indictment is filed in

MICHAL YUDELMAN

AT first they were novel. Then they became irritating. Now, Israel's celhular phones have become the modem equivalent of an Egyptian placue.

But at last someone seems to have noticed: Tel Aviv yesterday began a drive to make cellphone addicts aware that they are becoming a social scandal and a national nuisance. The municipality has started issuing stickers proclaiming 'No talking on cellular phones here" and showing a mobile phone with a big red X on it.

This is a plague that drives grown men to charge unheeding with flailing arms through other pedestrians



on city sidewalks while shouting into a little rectangle of black plas-

It may have looked amusing for a while. But now that one can no longer have a quiet morning coffee over the newspaper in a favorite cafe without at least three or four strange creatures hollering into their cellular phones, the joke has worn very thin. Even movies, plays and concerts are interrupted every conple of minutes by some infuriating "dring, dring."

It is no secret that Israelis are addicted to talking (though not, apparently, to listening). Give them a cellphone and they'll babble and yell in supermarkets, in restaurants, in their cars, in the street and in the cubicles of public toilets to someone nowhere in sight. The sign of contemporary friendship is two men pounding along the street side by side, ignoring each other but babin unison into their bits of



In Europe and the US some restaurants have introduced cellphone morons' corners alongside those of the pariah smokers. Tel Aviv probably is too late, but its pro-

ject is at least a small gesture to halt terrorism against innocent citizens by cellular fanatics.

The inspiration came from councilor Amir Halevy, head of the city's inspection department. He found an enthusiastic supporter in Mayor Ronni Milo for what they hope will be a cultural turning point in the nation.

There are almost one million cellular phones in the country, and Israelis like talking more than any other nation it seems," Halevy said. And more loudly, too. The cellular phone has turned into a nuisance and harassment.

Halevy decided it was time to take a stand in sympathy with all those citizens who can't even find peace

and quiet in a graveyard without the infuriating din of cellphones dinging into action all around. Nor is quiet guaranteed in a synagogue, a library or a university lecture hall. About the only places where silence is enforced and respected are hospitals and aircraft, where cellphones endanger important electronic

"I hope we are spearheading a cultural change," Halevy said, "People will see the sticker and understand they must turn the thing off."

In the next few days, city inspectors will start distributing the stickers on their daily rounds at restaurants and other public places. The stickers will also be available at city

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India jet-crash claims 350 lives

ABOUT 350 people were feared dead yesterday, after a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakh airliner collided in midair west of New Delhi, aviation officials said.

If the toll is confirmed, the air disaster will be among the world's five worst for loss of life and the worst involving two aircraft while in flight. Officials said there were 312 people, including 23 crew members, aboard the Saudi Arabian Airlines Boeing 747 and 39 people, including 10 crew members, on the other aircraft, a Tupolev TU-154.

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Horev pleads not guilty in precedent-setting court-martial

COLONEL Moni Horev, head of the IDF Officers' Training School, and four other Givati officers pleaded not guilty yesterday in a precedent-setting court-martial on charges that they caused the death by negligence of a soldier under their command nearly three years ago.

Accompanied by their lawyers, Horev, who had been the soldier's brigade commander at the time, and the other officers - Lt.-Col. David Ohana, who was the battalion commander, Lt.-Col. Sagi Talmi, who was the deputy battalion commander. Capt. Efraim Meshov. who was the company commander, and Sec .-Lt. Eliahu Chen, who was the platoon leader listened as a military tribunal meeting in a special court in Tel Aviv read out the indictment charging them in the death of Givati Sgt. Yanai Shoshan. Shoshan was mortally wounded after a fragmentation grenade went off in his web-

A military investigation found the February

A DISCUSSION on the beautifi-

cation of Baruch Goldstein's grave

descended into a left-right

exchange in the Knesset Interior

Committee yesterday. It was even-

tually decided to ask State

Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat to

investigate how the area around

the grave of the man who mur-

dered 29 Moslem worshippers in

Hebron in 1994 has been named

into a garden site serving visitors.

ask the Religious Affairs Ministry

and civil administration to consid-

modest site.

er transferring the grave to a more

Committee chairman Salah Tarif

said he had invited Mossad chief

Danny Yatom and Maj.-Gen.

Shaul Mofaz to explain to the

committee why, as former OC

Central Command and military

commander of Judea and Samaria

respectively, they had given per-

mission for the grave to be placed

in Kiryat Arba; but the two refused

to appear. Tarif has asked Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to

order the two and former govern-

ment coordinator in the territories

Danny Rothschild to appear

In a discussion marked by acri-

mony, MK Benny Elon (Moledet)

walked out to protest what he said

was its politically motivated timing

before the committee.

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1994 accident occurred because Shoshan was not aware of safety regulations. Horev and four other officers are being charged with negligence for not ensuring these regulations were followed: The court-martial will decide for the first time whether a brigade commander is responsible for enforcing safety regulations or whether this responsibility lies with less senior officers.

The court-martial, which comes following persistent civilian court pressure by Shoshan's parents, is being watched by senior officers, many of whom see it as a dangerous precedent of outsiders meddling in internal military affairs.

Two weeks ago, the High Court of Justice rejected a petition by Shoshan's parents against Horev's appointment as head of the officer training school. The Shoshans charged that allowing Horev to continue in his post was sending a message that officers can afford to be careless

MKs debate beautification

of Goldstein's grave

LIAT COLLINS

and HERB KEINON

as part of a public campaign against

He was heckled by MK Rafi

Elul (Labor), but MK Avraham

Stern (National Religious Party)

supported Elon's stand, saying

that, at a sensitive time of high

public feeling over the Hebron

issue, the committee should "take

care not to fan the flames of base-

less hatred or add fuel to the fire."

Kiryat Arba spokesman Tzuriel

Popovitch said the settlement had

neither initiated, planned, nor fund-

The grave is located in Meir

Kahane Park, near the entrance to

the settlement. In addition to the

tombstone, the site includes a tile

floor, a wash basin, two book cup-

boards, and a charity box. A sign

put up by the family states that the

site is meant only for prayers and

psalms, and that men and women

Goldstein's grave is inscribed

with the word "martyr," and the

inscription: "He gave his life for

the people of Israel, its Torah, and

its land...He was killed sanctifying

Popovitch said that both the set-

tlement and the family wanted

should stand separate.

God's name.'

ed the grave site for Goldstein.

the Hebron Jewish Community.

with their soldiers' lives. But the court ruled in favor of the army, which reasoned that it was unfair to suspend Horey before the minury court had ruled. It also accepted the claim that even if Horev was found guilty, it did not necessarily justify his being removed from the post.

Yesterday, Horev's attorney, Eli Zohar, told Israel Radio his client should not be held accountable for the accident since Shoshan's Givari battalion was under the responsibility of the Lebanon front brigade at the time. He said the trial is likely to last for some time.

"I don't want to relate to what the results of a guilty verdict will be. A lot of water will pass under the bridge before we come to that stage. I believe he will be found not guilty." Zohar said. The court will allow the prosecution to reply

and then decide whether to separate Horev's trial from the others, Israel Radio said. Shoshan's parents did not attend the opening

of the court-martial.

EVELYN GORDON

NOAM Federman, the former spokesman for the outlawed Kach movement who was put under administrative detention for two months earlier this week, petitioned the High Court of Justice against his detention yes-

Werzberger, argued that the order is illegal. Under the order, Federman is supposed to be held in the Sharon Prison in Tel Mond, but he is actually in Ashmoret Prison in Kfar Yona, Werzberger said. Even if an administrative order is violated only in this kind of technicality, the order becomes null and void,

Werzberger said. The lawyer also charged the detention is politically motivated

The detention reportedly was

Federman also has an appeal pending with the military court in Beit El. Werzberger decided to petition the High Court as well, because the military court schedpicion of espionage. Another uled its hearing for three days Israeli, Fares Subhi Masrati, and his - after Federman filed his appeal. Under the circumstances, Werzberger said, that is too long

MR Yossi Beilin (Labor) told

members of the Fatah action committee in Ramallah vesterday that, of the two societies. "The basic lines of the permanent arrangements are known to us all.

that they are inevitable." Beilin, accompanied by Oslo architect Ron Pundak and some Labor party members, was the first Labor representative to meet with this forum.

Palestinian woman shot near Hebron

Police: Claims that attack was perpetrated by Jewish settlers are unfounded

News agencies

The incident allegedly occurred when the

woman, her husband, and two family members

arrived to work a field they own near the vil-

condition after being shot near Yatta village.

It was decided to establish a joint Israeli-Palestinian committee to develop a systematic and broad manent arrangements. Beilin said

RAINE MARCUS

INTERNAL Security Minister

Avigdor Kahalani met for the first

time yesterday with Faisal

Husseini and Yasser Arafat's aide

Ahmed Tibi to discuss nettlesome

issues related to the peace

At the meeting in Kahalani's Tel

Aviv office, Husseini and Tibi

complained about the effects of

the prolonged closure of the terri-

tories, police roadblocks, Hebron

meeting between Husseini and

Interior Minister Eli Suissa to deal

with complaints from eastern

Jerusalem residents who say that

when they return from living

abroad for several years, they find

their identity cards have been con-

Husseini said this phenomenon

is widespread. In some cases.

Palestinian women with Israeli

identity cards are forced to hand

Kahalani promised to arrange a

redeployment and other issues.

Interior Minister Avigdor Kahalani (center) shakes hands with Faisal Husseini yesterday. Kahalani met with Husseini and Ahmed Tibi (right) in his Tel Aviv office to discuss issues related

Kahalani discusses peace

moves with Husseini, Tibi

them over when they marry Arabs

Husseini said the ban on

Palestinians from entering Israel

could only encourage terror

attacks and would not have the

Tibi accused Netanyahu of

time-wasting over agreements

between Israel and the PA. He

said as soon as the government

"decides to honor the agreement,

Asked about redeployment from

Hebron, Kahalani said he believes

the process will be more peaceful

Beilin tells Fatah committee

final settlement is inevitable

from the territories, he said.

desired deterrent effect.

Arafat will sign.

than others anticipate.

Redeployment

"Instead of wasting time studying the intentions of [Palestinian Authority Chairman] Yasser Arafat and Binyamin Netanyahu, it would be better for the peace camp to further the process both together and separately by educating for peace both in Israel and among the

The Fatah heads raised several questions on the Beilin-Abu Mazen understandings on the per-

arrangements, "everybody, both Israelis and Palestinians, would have described a very similar The Palestinians, and in particu-

They expressed fears that after the

Federman appeals detention to but that the IDF refused, saying that would "cause a pogrom." High Court

terday.

Federman's attorney, Naftali

and is not based on a definite secu-

ordered for fear that Federman, who lives in Hebron's Beit Hadassah, would cause problems if and when the IDF withdraws keep the celebration private. from the city.

> ment - especially given that Federman is an administrative detainee and has not been

The question is how much blood will be shed until we understand

dialogue between different sectors that had the participants in the

meetings been asked to write down the nature of the permanent

in our hands, and Jewish residents

will get more security than at pre-

sent." Kahalani said. "I believe

there is no reason for anyone to

ignite the flame, which will only

cause both sides harm." He urged

Earlier, at a ceremony to unveil

new vehicles for the traffic

police. Kahalani responded to

questions about the missing sol-

dier Sharon Edri and speculation

he was kidnapped by a terror

information as to his where-

abouts." Kahalani said. "Initially

we believed that the reason for his

disappearance was personal. Now

we - together with security forces

and other bodies - are examining

The police is doing everything

sure that other forces are doing

possible to discover clues as to

what happened to Edri, and I am

At the moment, there is no

organization.

other possibilities.

both sides to exercise restraint.

lar Marwan Barghouti, Fatah head in the West Bank, said the redeployment in the West Bank is even more important than in Hebron. Hebron redeployment the peace process will come to a halt. They also said they fear the government's plans to increase settle-

Suddenly 10 bullets were fired from the car and

one of them hit my wife," said Ibrahim Abu

Shakir, 55. He said he identified the gunmen as

settlers by their long beards and kipot.
Police sources said the Hebron district liaison

office had investigated the matter and conclud-

ed that the family's version of events was

Egyptians have held several Albs: If that is true, Werzberger **Israelis on spy charges**

STEVE RODAN

AZZAM Azzam is by no means the first istach to be accused of spying by Egypt since the two nations signed their peace treaty in 1979. Judging by the mood in Egyptian ruling circles, he will probably not be the last.

Last month, Defense Minister Hussein Tantawi warned Egyptian youths against Israeli efforts to recruit them as spies. Tantawi said Israel targets soldiers and militaryschool graduates. In the last few weeks, Egypt's

media have been full of reports of espionage. Several weeks ago, the Interior Ministry arrested 56 Egyptians and charged them with planning to flood the country with Shi'ite pamphlets and cassettes. At the same time, prominent Egyptian journalists were accused



(Photo courtesy of Yediot Ahronot)

of working for Iraq. Over the years, Egypt's newspapers have portrayed the Israeli Embassy in Cairo as a nest of spies and have warned Egyptians to keep away from the building. charged with a crime. At the same time, several Israelis have been accused of espionage.

Instead, Popovitch said the IDF

suggested burying him in Kiryat

Arba, even though there is no

The construction of the site had

the all the necessary permits from

the army, Popovitch said, and was

Popovitch said the reason a tile

floor was put around the grave

was because otherwise the area

would be full of mud. The wash

basin and bookcases for prayer

books and Psalms are all standard

equipment at cemeteries, he said.

and parents, and they should have

the right to go to his grave," Popovitch said, adding that he does not think the site is too "mag-

Komemiyut Yisrael, a Kach-

related local party which

Goldstein represented for a brief

time in the Kiryat Arba local coun-

cil, issued a statement yesterday

saying that Goldstein was "a holy

man" and vowed not to let his

grave be moved from Kiryat Arba.

ly yesterday celebrated the bar-

mitzva of the family's oldest son.

The family hired a security firm to

Meanwhile, the Goldstein fami-

Goldstein has a wife, children,

cemetery there.

nificent.'

paid for by the family.

Businessman David Ovitz was held for two months in 1992 on sas-17-year-old daughter, Fayqa, were arrested and reportedly confessed to being recruited by the Mossad.

In 1990, two divers from then Israeli-controlled Rafiah were charged in Sinai with introducing an Egyptian woman to an Israeli agent, who offered her money to spy for Israel.

On the other hand, several Egyptians have been jailed in Israel over the past decade for spying for Cairo. Officials have said they believe some of the Egyptian arrests of Israelis on espionage charges are connected to efforts to free convicted Egyptian spies from Israeli prisons.

Officials at Hebron's Alia Hospital said Naziha Abu-Hmeid, 50, was in satisfactory

A PALESTINIAN woman was shot in the leg

and lightly wounded yesterday near Hebron in

what family members described as a drive-by

attack by Jewish settlers. Judea and Samaria

District police, however, say the attack never

NE'EMAN (Continued from Page 1) Brown also accused Ne'eman of making similar statements on other occasions, the memoran-

dum said. Ne'eman used the memorandum to try to discredit Ben-Yair's motives. He has said the police and the State Attorney's Office knew about the memorandum for four years, but never did anything about it until Ne'eman was appointed a minister and Yitzhak filed his petition.

Ben-Yair says it is standard policy not to investigate such statements by a witness until the witness has testified for fear of weakening his testimony in the main trial. By chance, Brown's testimony took place a few days before Ne'eman's appointment

lage. "While we were getting out of our cars, a blue car suddenly appeared and came at us.

AZZAM

(Continued from Page 1) arrest, Levy said the Egyptian authorities must release him since

he is innocent.

Azzam's brother, Wafa, attended a press conference with other family members, at which he pleaded with Levy to act on his brother's behalf,

It is impossible that Azzam would be a spy, his brother said. "If I asked him, 'Who is the Egyptian foreign minister?' he wouldn't know. Please, Mr. Levy, don't take this lightly.
"This is of the highest priority."

Levy replied. "He is an Israeli cit-

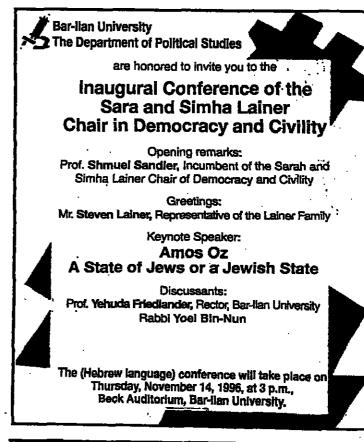
Wafa Azzam said he appreciates Levy's concern, but "I'll only relax when he's at home with

Egyptian government newspa-pers said yesterday that security authorities had arrested an Israeli and an Egyptian a few days ago on charges of spying for Israel. The daily Al-Ahram said sever-

al charges, including espionage, were brought against the two men, and a prosecutor had ordered them remanded for 15 "Security authorities uncovered

the involvement of an Egyptian and an Israeli of Arab origin in working for the Israeli intelligence body Mossad." Al-Ahram

"Information confirmed the defendant Azzam Azzam, 35, of Arab origin, who was sent by Mossad, gave the Egyptian citi-zen Emad Eddin Abdel Hamid materials ... that are used in espi-



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Kiryat Shmona dedicates airplane factory today An investigation of that inci-

A \$40 million project to produce a locally designed executive aircraft at a factory in Kiryat Shmona is now reaching its final stages.

Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee and two major IDF operations in Lebanon (Accountability and Grapes of Wrath), as well as technical and financial problems. have combined to put plans behind

Nevertheless, the Israviation

SOCIAL & PERSONAL THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. **DAVID RUDGE**

company believes the final version of its prototype ST-50 turboprop will be ready as planned by March.

It is then that the plane will begin extensive tests to gain its flight certification from the local Civil Aviation Administration and the all-important US Federal Aviation Administration.

An experimental version has already accumulated 70 hours of flight time, including a trip to Jordan and one emergency landing in a field near Kiryat Shmona when the engine failed.

advanced composite materials, managed to land safely even without power. The prototype was back in the air within 12 days and has performed excellently ever since,

dent found that the problem was

caused by a fault in the engine,

although the plane itself, made of

according to Israviation. The firm recently moved into spacious new premises at Kiryat Shmona's airfield, which has complete facilities for mass production of the five-seater aircraft. The S6m. factory is to be inaugurated

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Qatari officials told Levy they would not proceed with the

"I met David Levy half an hour ago and told him that unless there is progress on the Palestinian

action on our trade representation." Qatari Foreign Minister

Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani told a news conference in Cairo.

ued cooperation," said Jassim.

Shiva at the home of her uncle, Rabbi and Mrs Ahron Batt, 3 Rehov Brodie, Jerusalem For information, call 02-5617005, or 09-929696. Parents: Dr Norman and Judy Katz, St. Louis, Missouri Brother: Avi and Rivi Katz, Teameck, New Jersey

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is different from the previous conferences, which had a political dimension and which included Israel in the preparations and the ence is an Egyptian economic

planned opening of a trade mission in Israel unless there is progress in talks with the peace track we will not take

"We have frozen any developments in the normalization of our relations with Israel," he added, although he invited Levy to Qatar for next year's economic conference. "There is a need for contin-

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Tichon: Arabic speeches in Knesset will be translated

ARAB MKs who address the Knesset plenum in Arabic will have their speeches translated into Hebrew, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon promised this week.

Tichon said a translation service would be provided as long as the number of speeches is "reason-

MKs who want to speak in Arabic will have to supply a copy of their speeches in advance that will be translated into Hebrew and read from the podium immediately after the MK finishes his and in Israel," he said.

LIAT COLLINS

"Both Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages, but Arabic has not been used for the past 30 years, because the Arabs themselves have neglected their rights," said MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe . (Democratic · Arab

"This consolidates Arabic as an official language and consolidates the Arab presence in the Knesset

Arab MKs in the present Knesset have increased the number of speeches they give in Arabic, but until now the lack of translation has meant Hebrew speakers have been unable to follow what was said. The speeches also have not been recorded by a

stenographer. The promise of Arabic translation comes soon after the Knesset provided a prayer room for Moslem MKs, who demanded they have the same facilities as their Jewish peers.

Ben-Menahem urges police to weed out pro-pot media

NEWSPAPERS that print recipes for hash brownies or instructions on how to grow marijuana are hardly providing a public service, as they claim to be. They are simply breaking the law, according to MK Eli Ben-Menahem, head of the Knesset's Anti-Drug Abuse

He ended a committee meeting yesterday by urging the Justice Ministry to instruct the police to act against newspapers that encourage drug abuse. The session was convened in response to a concerned mother's complaint about columns entitled "Green Lung" and "Weed of the Field" in Tel Aviv and Haifa local papers and other articles in the press.

Yakir Elkarim, editor of the local weekly Tei Aviv, estimated there are 50,000 to 100,000 marijuana users in the Tel Aviv area

alone. He said his paper provides a public service by dispelling myths and supplying much-needed infor-mation about the weed. Netiva Ben-Yehuda, an outspoken radio personality, estimated there are 400,000 users nationally.

The conflicting views aired

before the committee reflect the current debate over the decriminalization of the "soft" drugshashish and marijuana. Shlomi. Sandak, chairman of the Society for Changing Israeli Drug Laws, pointed out the medicinal benefits of marijuana and tried to establish that in Holland, where it is sold in cafes, the rate of addiction to hard drugs is lower than in Israel. . . But Dep.-Cmdr. Simon Peri,

deputy head of the police drugs

department, said crimmalization

leads to a rise in a idiction and that the number of Dutch addicts cited by Sandak did not include those who were able to work.

Ben-Yehuda, admitting her own addictions to alcohol, tobacco, and coffee, said weak people need such substances to help them cope with the stresses of living. "The laws are useless," she said, "and can't be enforced." Even worse, she continued, by outlawing marijuana, and thus handing over drug sales to organized crime, the state forces youngsters into contact with criminal elements.

Former addict Goell Marom, now an anti-drug abuse educator. told the committee how he resped the bitter fruits of his 25-year addiction. He had begged his son to stay clean, but the son began using "soft" drugs and is now a hard-drug addict.

Knesset panel hears testimony on sexual

harassment in IDF

ESTHER HECHT

THE IDF objects to being branded a hotbed of sexual harassment, but still can't say how prevalent the' problem is, the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women learned yesterday. The dearth of information

cases the IDF has investigated has remained stable - about 100 annually - over the past three years. A

according to OC Women's Corps Brig.-Gen. Yisraela Oron. Since women soldiers are ired by law to serve and can't choose their officers, the army relates very seriously even to verbal hints or questions about a soi-

Committee Chairwoman MK

To encourage victims to come forward, the IDF is to try out a hot line, starting January 1. But to achieve its purpose, the people who receive the complaints must be properly trained, said Dalia Israeli, a lawyer working with WIZO. She offered to share with the IDF the experience of her organization's

soldiers. But no real change will occur until the IDF makes such instruction compulsory for male soldiers, said Noa Ashkenazi, of the Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center. workshops for girls in 12th grade. In another sitting of the commit-tee yesterday, IDF representatives said examiners of inductees are no

AROUND 350 people were feared killed yester-day when a Saudi Arabian jumbo jet and a Kazakhstan airliner collided in mid-air west of New Delhi, aviation officials said.

If the toll is confirmed, the air disaster will be among the world's five worst for loss of life and

the worst involving two aircraft in flight.

The officials said there were 312 people, including 23 crew, aboard the Saudi Arabian Airlines Corp Boeing 747 and 39, including 10'

crew, aboard the other aircraft, a Tupolev TU-.

"There is hardly any chance of survivors," one official said.

Ranjan Chatterjee, chairman of the Airports Authority of India, told a news conference: "We have not heard of any survivors so far. It seems rather difficult, unfortunately."

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said three survivors were pulled from the wreckage but that they died on the way to hospital.

350 feared dead as

airliners collide over India

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One aviation source described the aftermath of the collision as "like a bolt of lightning."

Two streaks of fire descended down to the ground," he said.

Another eyewitness, quoted by the PTI said:

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The Indian government has ordered an inquiry into the collision, aviation officials said.

The Saudi plane had been bound for Dhahran and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

They said the Kazakh airther had been cleared to descend to 15,000 feet (4,570 meters).

"Radar blips of both aircraft disappeared at 1840 hrs (1310 GMT), 40 nautical miles southwest of Delhi," one official said.

154 in the past year. The aircraft are the workhorses of arrives in the former Soviet Union. Indian civil aviation officials said the Tupolev had been chartered but gave no details.

Disaster is among worst on record.

NEW DELHI (Reuser) Yesterday's mid-eir collision near: New Delhi, with a feared death holl of up to 350, looks set to be arroung the works' sive worst for loss of file and the work involving two aircraft in flight.

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Knesset bodies criticize housing situation

THREE Knesset bodies discussed housing-related issues yesterday,

and none of the meetings was optimistic.

The parliamentary cancus for low-cost housing, chaired by MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash), accused the government of cutting the 1997 housing budget by NIS 600 million in real terms, along with not doing enough to improve mortgage terms, to free land for building homes or to keep building contractors in control.

The immigration and absorption caucus, chaired by MK Roman Bronfman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), called for an organized protest campaign against the shortage of affordable housing. It called on volun-

tary groups to take every legal measure to press for more housing and to flood government offices with calls on the subject.

The Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee discussed the conditions at trailer sites. MK Adisa Massala (Labor) described the situation as a time bount, fit said immigrants housed at the sites are threatening to burn down the trailers because of their frustra-tion and despair with the conditions. List Collins

Four workers arrested in Haifa strike protest

DAVID RUDGE

2 months to place Iraqi refugees

THE government has two more months to find states willing to accept six Iraqi refugees who came here three years ago, the High Court of

Justice ruled yesterday. The attorney-general testified that a European state has agreed to give them shelter, but has not yet completed the legal

The six petitioned the High Court for asylum three years ago, but were

denied it due to evidence that they had been involved in acts against the

state. The government was ordered to find them asylum in another coun-

try and the refugees have been in prison since.

POLICE arrested four striking workers of the giant Haifa Chemicals plant yesterday during disturbances outside the bayside

The disturbances broke out when about 100 strikers tried to prevent contractors brought in by profitably in overseas markets. the firm from carrying out work at the plant. The strikers tried to block

tankers loaded with dangerous ammonia from the plant to the company's other factory near Beersheba, which is not affected by the strike and where there is no organized labor.

Police broke up the strikers and detained four of them for questioning. Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa branch, later called on Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to instruct the police not to intervene on the side of management in a legal strike.

The strike began last week, foilowing the breakdown of talks between the workers' representatives and management over a new

work necessary to do so.

collective labor agreement. The firm wants to annul the agreement so it can institute

world's biggest manufacturer of agricultural fertilizer called potassium nitrate, has been at a standstill for over two weeks.

units October 29 and sent home 350 of the firm's 500 workers, because of ongoing sanctions by employees. The company said the workers' protest had disrupted the manufacturing process.

eral strike of the entire workforce The Haifa regional Labor Court is to hear a petition from the Histadrut tomorrow calling for

management to rescind dismissal notices sent last month to 124 of High Court: Government has

sweeping changes, including cutting over 100 workers. Management says that would enable the company to compete Production at the plant, the

Management shut all production

The Histadrut later called a gen-

to protest management's action.

growing number of these cases have involved verbal harassment.

dier's intimate relations with her boyfriend," said Col. Danny Be'eri, chief military prosecutor. Yael Dayan (Labor) praised the IDF's enforcement of the law. Still lacking, however, are effective prevention and a climate in which

women feel free to complain. omestic-violence hot line.

As a preventive measure, the IDF has allowed representatives of women's groups to lecture female. In fact, to be effective, such instruction should take place even before youngsters reach the army, said Tzippi Shmaya, of the Israel Women's Network, who conducts longer told homosexuality is a sexual perversion. MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) recently publicized pages from an IDF manual for examiners which included homosexuality in a list of sexual perversions.

Spain: UN could OK Zaire force by tomorrow

MADRID (Reuter) - Spain was optimistic yesterday that the United Nations would authorize the deployment of a multinational force by tomorrow to aid more than a million sick and starving

In eastern Zaire, the urgent need for intervention was underlined by a doctor's warning that an outbreak of cholera could wipe out some 250,000 refugees within days.

"I, who am reluctant to shout it from the rooftops, believe it is poscontinues because a promised IDF sible between today and tomotrow singlifies because a promised IDF sible between today and tomotrow singlifies because a promised out to the Security Council will meet to the state of the second of a force. Spanish Foreign Minister Abel

Matutes said. The UN Security Council on Saturday asked members to lay the groundwork for such a force, but held off authorizing it until its aims and participants were clear. A UN doctor in Zaire said yester-

day cholera had broken out at a hillside settlement of about 250,000 Rwanda Hutu refugees outside the town of Bukavu and could wipe out its entire population As calls for a multinational force mounted, the UN was still waiting

to hear from the US and Britain, with Washington expected to answer before the end of the week. "Today Canada, like Italy, Belgium and Holland are in favor of this force being put together and Britain and the United States are also considering this possibility," Matutes said. "Before they were talking about logistical support and



A young boy receives medical treatment at a Goma hospital yesterday as aid workers return to the rebel-held town in eastern Zaire.

placing personnel on the ground." France, spearheading with Spain the efforts to deploy a multinational force, stepped up criticism of the US yesterday and said Washington

was dragging its feet.
The US is edging towards involvement, but has sought additional information on the role of the force, command lines and an "exit [now] they are even talking about scenario" while pursuing political

solutions to pacify eastern Zaire. Defense Ministry officials in Madrid said on Monday one possibility was that Spain and France would send troops in a UNapproved multinational rapiddeployment force.

Spain has put troops on alert for immediate action, should the Matutes said yesterday that 350 Rwanda and Burundi.

to 450 Spanish troops would participate initially in the force - up to 50 percent more than mentioned before. Spain may later increase the numbers.

More than a million Hutu refugees have been displaced by four weeks of fighting in which rival Tutsi rebels have seized control of a strip of Zaire bordering on

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Major risks new crisis with EU over work week

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain head- the Maastricht treaty on economic ed for a new showdown with its European Union partners on Tuesday, threatening to veto reforms crucial for the bloc's expansion unless they agreed to overturn a law limiting the EU

working week to 48 hours. Prime Minister John Major fired off a letter to European Commission President Jacques Santer and fellow EU leaders minutes after the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruled that Britain must obey the controversial

Working Time Directive. "It is unacceptable and must be remedied," Major wrote. He said introducing laws that would shackle Britain's flexible labour market was counter to the spirit of the optout he won from Social Chapter legislation during negotiations on cow disease, told his fellow leaders.

and political union in 1991.

Major said he would demand treaty changes at the Inter-Governmental Conference (IGC). due to end next year, which is discussing how to adapt the EU's institutions so the 15-nation bloc can expand to take in new members from eastern Europe

He said he would use his veto to block a conclusion to the IGC unless the Maastricht treaty was amended to prevent workplace laws being introduced "through the back.

"I do not see how new agreements can be reached if earlier agreements are being undermined," Major, who brought EU business to a virtual standstill for several weeks earlier this year in a row over mad

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chernomyrdin: Military reform will hurt MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin said military reform would be painful, but drastic cuts were inevitable. Interfax news agency said.

Chemomyrdin told a meeting of Russia's top brass the longpromised reform should affect not only the armed forces proper but also border guards and troops controlled by other agencies, including the interior and Emergencies ministries.

Chemomyrdin made his remarks hours after Defense Minister Igor Rodionov fired a new shot in his battle for more funds for the cashstrapped army, saying that Russia faced a catastrophe unless it took extreme measures to reform the military.

Yeltsin to address nation soon - Kremlin MOSCOW (Reuter) Russian President Boris Yeltsin, recovering from open heart surgery, will address the nation in a few days but doctors

want him to take things easy for a while, the Kremlin said on Tuesday. "He has to make haste slowly," spokesman Sergel Yastzhembsky told a news briefing, adding that doctors were keen that Yeltsin did not

He said no date for Yeltsin's address to the people had been set yet but stressed that it would be in the next few days.

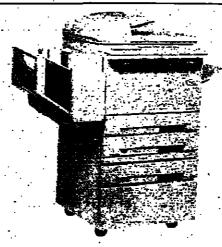
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HE Cairo Economic Conference is not purely economic; it is wrapped in political considerations as well. One could even suggest that the political considerations may be more overwhelming than the parties involved are ready to admit.

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During the previous conference that took place in Amman, Egypt fought hard to host the next meeting in Cairo, but it is now proven that what Egypt had in mind was not to continue the economic process from the point it arrived at in Amman, but to change its course

This has nothing to do with Prime Minister Netanyahu; it is rather consistent with Egyptian policy since the first conference in asablanca. Egypt had, during the Labor party's government, already begun to put pressure on Jordan to accept the Egyptian perspective. "Why do you hurry up normaliza-tion [of relations] with Israel?" Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa asked King Hussein, in front of his Israeli guests. The Egyptian policy therefore was formulated long ago, before the Israeli

What bothers Egypt? Cairo, it is well known, was the pioneer in making true peace with Israel, and it suffered at the hands of its fellow Arabs for many years because of this brave decision. Now, the Arab world has joined in with making peace with Israel, but instead of enjoying the fruit of this, Cairo discovered - wrongly - that it opened the door of the Middle East to the Jewish state, only to be pushed aside by the new member in the

To recognize Israel and make peace with it is one thing; to recognize its pivotal role through its economic edge is something else. Israeli efforts to organize economic cooperation in the Middle East is understood, in Cairo, as an attempt to "conquer" the Middle East economically - after the termination of the "physical" occupation.

Therefore, the Egyptian list of economic programs contains only pure "Egyptian" programs, name-ly: Programs to be conducted in Egypt only, while the regional Egyptian systems. Yet Jordan sticks Middle East economic programs to the old programs of cooperation they preserve for discussion in the Arab League economic forums, from which Israel is absent, and therefore cannot challenge Egyptian hegemony.

This school of thought is directed by Foreign Minister Amr Moussa. who emphasizes "national" inter- Middle East.

ests on purely economic considerations. This policy is aiming at the re-institution of Egypt as the actual political leader of the Arab states. Not only should Israel be concerned by such a policy, but many Arab states should be too - including Syria, now Egypt's main ally.

To reinforce the "national" dimension of the conference, Egypt insisted that the agreement on redeployment in Hebron should be signed prior to the opening day in Cairo. One of the reasons why the signing of a Hebron redeployment agreement did not take place was this Egyptian insistence on its regional role, and that the agreement should be achieved through its own offices. It seems now, that Egyptian attempts to pave its way through Palestinian Authority ticket are going to come up against opposition from other countries, in particular Jordan and Syria. Even Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Emirates do not approve of Egypt's sliding back to the Nasserite era.

As for Jordan, it is evident that the kingdom is not giving up its efforts to participate in mediating in Palestinian affairs, including the Hebron redeployment. In this case, Jordan pushed aside Egypt as mediator. As for Syria, its displeasure with Egyptian efforts to penetrate the East Bank through PA chairman Yasser Arafat, was manifested by the fact that until now Damascus ignored two of Arafat's applications, through Egypt, to visit Syria. Damascus regards the West Bank as a part of its backyard, it is ready to recognize a Jordanian role in the process as part of a "Greater Syria" theory (in which Jordan is a part as well), but not

Egypt.
These political differences affect the economic conference. Egypt's rejection of regional coordination through this conference, is not only in principle, but actual and specific against Israeli-Jordanian coopera-

Only last week, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt decided to unify their electricity systems. This replaced the Amman Economic Conference decision to unify the Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinianwith Israel, and this manifested itself during President Weizman's visit to Jordan last week.

Hence, it seems that the dilemma in the conference is to choose between "nationalism" or "economy," and the two do not meet in the

Political activity likely to supersede Cairo's economic program

UCRATIVE business deals, like happy marriages, are made in heaven. Gala economic conferences, replete with top-drawer officials, overflowing media presence, and elegant decor, may generate contacts and prospects, but they do not necessarily close deals.

The multi-national event that opened in Cairo with the participation of all the states of the Middle East (except Iraq, Iran and Syria) as well as the US, Canada, the European Union and others, is no exception.

On the other hand, it will be the backdrop for significant "one-onones," such as the projected rendezvous between outgoing Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. If indeed Arafat's tactical reservations have been holding up the redeployment (a diplomatic euphemism for withdrawal) of Israel's troops from Hebron - a move eagerly desired by the Clinton administration - the Christopher-Arafat meeting may break the logjam.

Foreign Minister David Levy, who is heading a large Israeli dele-gation comprised of industrialists and other economic leaders, will also be able to engage in intensive talks with his American and Arab counterparts. His staff is convinced the Cairo Economic Conference is an important diplomatic event as well as an opportunity to expand Israel's relatively minuscule trade with the Arab world.

"Regional cooperation contributes to economic stability." one of Levy's aides said. "Trade relations cannot be divorced from political activity." He described Israel's participation in the Egyptian-sponsored business extravaganza as a "step towards normalization," but did not anticipate a "dramatic breakthrough."

One of the underlying problems is Egypt's rather incomprehensible hang-up over Israel's alleged desire to dominate the Middle East economically, if not militarily too. Its foreign minister, Amr Moussa, alluded to this when he noted that Israel "will not be the conference's central axis, but merely one of the many states taking part in the con-ference." His colleagues contend that Israel tried to win the upper hand at the two previous Arabsponsored economic conclaves, in Casablanca and Amman - charges that were not tempered by the fact that they relate to a period when Israel's previous Labor-Meretz party coalition determined government policy and won international

acclaim for its peace policy. Despite the nostalgia that may be professed in some Arab and European quarters for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's immediate predecessors, there are signs that their pet projects are not regarded as regional musts. For example, the regional bank touted

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by Shimon Peres was reportedly sidelined by Moussa, who was quoted in Cairo as saying: "Its establishment will be postponed for a while, but the idea has not been dropped." Peres had suggested that Cairo serve as the bank's headquarters.

"Foreign investors are motivated by profits that be reaped without undue risk," said Professor Eliyahu Kanovsky of Bar-Ilan University,



who also ranks as a senior researcher at its Begin-Sadat Center of Strategic Studies. The Canadianborn scholar's doubts about the Cairo Economic Conference's likelihood to work regional miracles stem largely from the disparity between the rates of economic growth in Israel and the neighboring Arab states. Attempts to work out a viable economic match "is like mixing apples and oranges," he said, implying that the differences dent Gamal Abdel Nasser was at its are inherent and incomparable

"What came out of Casablanca and Amman?" he asked rhetorically: "Nothing." Kanovsky recalled that Israel made impressive economic progress before the Madrid Conference on Middle East Peace and the subsequent Oslo Accords, attributing this to the former national unity government, which, in 1985, introduced measures which boosted productivity and efficiency while capitalizing wisely on the influx of immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

In contrast, Egypt has barely sustained a per-capita growth rate of 2.1 per cent - this despite \$25 billion in foreign aid to cover its national debt, another \$25b. in lowinterest loans and \$12b. in donations from the international community. The Palestinian National Authority, another would-be beneficiary of the kind of investments that accrue from the Cairo Economic Conference, also "is in a terrible mess," Kanovsky added. He blamed Arafat personally for this, noting that the Palestinian leader has been "doing everything wrong," while trying to control economic development through three conflicting administrative units.

The Egyptians may be looking at themselves in the mirror when they inveigh against Israel's purported yen for economic hegemony. Kanovsky cited the abortive Arab economic union proposed by the dent Gamal Abdel Nasser was at its helm. Its failure stemmed primarily from the Arab states' unwillingness to submit to Egyptian preeminence in the region, he went on. "The same fear exists with regard to Israel." presumably because of Israel's economic success in attaining a gross national product in excess of all its Arab neighbors (with the exception of their oil output).

Foreign Minister Levy and his fellow-Israeli delegates undoubtedly regret Egypt's incessant harping on the hegemony motif. They argue that Israel does not have the wherewithal to dominate the Arab world economically, and that these are false suspicions. "We do not pretend or presume to be the region's economic leader," a Foreign Ministry aide said. "Instead, we are prepared to extend assistance and cooperation. We extend our hand to that end only."

One of the most encouraging signs that the Egyptians may be having second thoughts about Israel's actual role in the region can be seen in the invitation extended by its deputy prime minister to Dan Propper, head of the Israel Industrialists Association. Propper was asked to address a luncheon in Cairo within the conference framework. His subject: Agro-industry in the Middle East. He is also scheduled to speak in a panel on the role of government in nurturing an environment conducive to develop-



Workers walk past slot machines in Beirut's recently refurbished Casino du Liban. The casino was the leading gambling establishment in the Middle East before the 1975-90 civil war.

Iran wants better ties with Gulf Arabs

RAN wants to improve its relations with its Arab neighbors to ensure real and lasting peace in the oil-rich Gulf region, Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said on Monday.

We want our brotherly neighbors in the Gulf to boost friendship, cooperation and neighborly relations... cooperation between us... is alone capable of establishing a real and permanent peace," Velayati said.

He made his comments in an interview with the London-based Arabic-language Asharq al-Awsar and in answer to a question on what Iran wanted from a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) summit to be held in Qatar on December 7.

Velayati said he was due to hold talks today in Teheran with bin Abdullah as an envoy from the any "misunderstandings." (Reuter)

Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"We are waiting to listen to the Omani minister and what he has for us from our Gulf brothers," he added. Relations between Shi'ite Iran and its Sunni Arab neighbors are often tense. Earlier this year, the GCC countries accused Iran of interfering in their internal affairs and expressed worries over its armament program. Iran denied

the charges.

One thorny issue in Iran's relations with the GCC is a territorial dispute with the UAE over three Gulf islands.

The UAE has urged Iran to agree to take the row to the International Court of Justice. Iran says its sovereignty over the islands is not Oman's Minister of State for negotiable but has called for bilat-Foreign Affairs Youssef bin Alawi eral talks with the UAE to clear up

The people with no rights: Syria's oppressed Kurds

become a leading supporter of the Kurds, the largest non-Arab minority in the Middle East. President Hafez Assad has provided the Turkish Kurdish underground, the PKK, with offices in Damascus and bases in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, despite strong protests from Ankara.

But Syria also has its own Kurdish minority. And, the irony, according to a new report by a human rights group, is that the Assad regime treats those Kurds as badly as, if not worse than, Turkey or any Arab regime treats its own Kurdish populations.

In short, the hundreds of thousands of Kurds in Syria simply have no rights. They are stateless, without passports and identity cards and cannot even go

"They have been issued special red identity cards by the Ministry of Interior," says a recent report by the New York-based Human Right Watch/Middle East, "and, pursuant to discriminatory state policy, are denied

N the face of it, Syria has many rights which other Syrians enjoy, such as the right to vote, the right to own property, and the right to have marriages legally recognized."

The Syrian government does not pro-

vide figures for the number of Kurds in the country. But it says that those Kurds classified as foreigners - meaning they have no rights - number 67,465 as of October 31, 1995. But Kurdish sources say the actual number is at least 200,000.

Kurds comprise significant minorities in several Middle Eastern countries. The largest Kurdish community is in Turkey, comprising 10-15 million. Between six and eight million Kurds live in Iran and another four million in Several hundred thousand Kurds live

in Azerbaijan and Armenia. In Svria. however, the children of stateless Kurds, even though born in Syria, are still denied citizenship.

The overwhelming majority of them were stripped of their citizenship in a controversial 1962 census. That census

Al Habtoor Group and Juma al-

Majid. Their interests spread from

lifts for the tower blocks rising

from the desert to luxurious Rolls-

As the families amass ever-bigger

fortunes, the key question is whether

they will open their doors to foreign

investment or float their shares -

developments that economists say

are needed for the country's oil-du-

"When you are used to making your own decisions, it is difficult to

open up to public scrutiny, to make

the transition. We don't intend to

ven economy to diversify.

Royce limousines.

STEVE RODAN

their citizenship.

The 1962 census, diplomats say, was part of a plan to Arabize the Kurdish

northeast of Syria along the border with Turkey, an area rich in cotton and oil. As the Kurds told Human Rights Watch, "The government wanted to eliminate 150,000 Kurds and bring in Arab settlers. It wanted to force the Kurds to leave the governorate, which was 70-80 percent Kurds. Beginning in 1973, they moved Arab settlers to the border area with Turkey."

Kurdish land was expropriated and Syrian Arabs were settled in model villages that each contained 150-200 homes. Under terms that appear far more generous than those Israel gives Jews in the territories, Damascus built

was said to have stripped 20 percent of gave them weapons, seeds and fertiliz-the entire Syrian Kurdish population of er, Kurdish sources say.

er. Kurdish sources say. Assad was said to have halted the Arab settlement campaign in 1976. But, says Fouad Ali Kuh of the Democratic Unity Party in Syria, the status quo remains unchanged.

Today, another group of stateless Syrian-born Kurds are in a worse situation. They are not even issued identity cards and are not listed in population registers. They are called maktoumeen in

Arabic, which means unregistered or not appearing in the records. Children inherit this status from their parents. Human Rights Watch, citing the high birthrate among the Kurds, says that in villages in the northeastern governorate of Hasakeh, the number of maktoumeen will grow rapidly.

The Syrian government told the

so-called foreigners in the Hasakeh governorate alone was 75,000 in 1995. Kurds say that having the status of a foreigner makes daily living a hard-

ship.

They cannot own property or businesses, be admitted to public hospitals or receive food subsidies. They cannot be employed at government agencies or state-owned enterprises, practice as doctors or engineers, or vote or run for public office.

The Syrian government acknowledges that these Kurdish men cannot legally marry Syrian citizens.

Maktoumeen who try to get permission for their children to go to school usually find themselves receiving a visit from the office of political security.

One Syrian-born Kurdish foreigner from Qamishli recalls being questioned several times about his political affiliation. He was then asked to be an

"The last time, they beat me up in the presence of a senior officer," he says.

human rights group that the number of "This was on Thursday. They beat me up and told me to come back on Saturday. I did not go back. I refused to work with them. But this is how they recruit informers. This is increasing

Human Rights Watch says that peaceful Kurdish protests at their plight were broken up by security police and their organizers subjected to torture.

The human rights group says its main world attention.

aim in presenting the report is to garner The State Department, in its 1996

annual report, devoted only two sentences to this subject.

Human Rights Watch calls on the Clinton administration to "discontinue the policy of public silence concerning the human rights record of the Assad government and direct appropriate US State Department officials to express publicly the US government's concern about continuing human rights abuses in Syria, including the rights of the Kurdish ethnic minority."

Family empires dominate UAE business

MICHAEL GEORGY

HEN the al-Futtaim brothers set up a small shop on Dubai's creek in the 1930s, their dreams soared as far as the wooden dhows that plied the oceans with pearls, textiles and rimber.

Decades later, within sight of the creek, stands City Center, one of the Middle East's largest shopping malls, with everything from modern European furnimre to a supermarket so huge that staff dash about on roller skates.

Majid, a second generation al-Futtaim, built the multi-million dollar complex last year with his own money. It now attracts shoppers throughout the oil-rich Gulf.

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He and his brother Abdullah control the Al-Pottainn Group, a diversified business with some 30 ventures ranging from a tower scaffolding firm, to electronics, computer software products, construction and cars. They employ more than 4,500 people from some 20 countries.

The group provides a glimpse into the powerful family-owned enterprises that have evolved from small trading houses into multimillion dollar conglomerates that dominate the economy of the United Arab Emirates.

that brought technology and knowhow to the UAE. On the surface Dubai, which prides itself on a booming freeeign investor's dream.

Unlike neighboring emirate Abu Dhabi, Dubai is not blessed with vast oil wealth, forcing its sheikhs, traders and business families to hustle over the years to build a thriving trade and re-export center

in a region buoyed by petrodollars. Cranes dominate the skyline and building sites mushroom. Towering office blocks buzz with deals. Jebel Ali free-zone, with its attractive investment guidelines, has lured hundreds of international companies hoping to cash in on a robust

economy. Dubai is confident that tourism revenue will match its oil income by the year 2000. And the highest oil prices in five

years have pumped extra petrodollars into the economies of Dubai and the six other states that form the UAE, an OPEC heavyweight. But aside from Jebel Ali the country's economy offers few

investment opportunities. Foreign investors must agree to a 49 per-Even wealthy UAE nationals

When Al-Khazna Insurance was launched recently, investors subscribed more than seven times for the 2.09 million shares on offer.

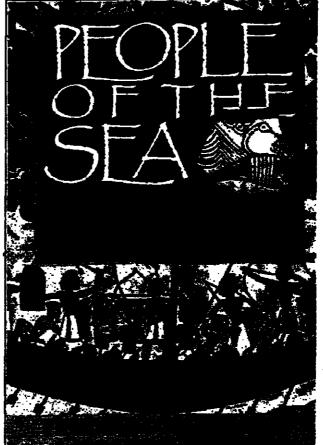
The latest primary issue on the informal stock exchange, which exceeded two billion dirhams (\$544 million) in the last year, was heavily oversubscribed, underscoring high liquidity.

The unofficial stock market, limited to trading over the telephone, is expected to be formalized by 1998 but bankers say it will not grow without opening its doors to

It would also flourish and absorb abundant private liquidity if family enterprises floated their shares. But bankers and economists say that is

The Al-Futtaim Group, one of the Gulf's biggest family enterprises, has re-invested some of its earnings in the UAE economy. But it has also put its money to work abroad. It has invested in four assembly plants in Pakistan that make Fiat tractors and has engaged in other deals.

But many wonder whether foreign investors will ever be able to



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Others include Al Ghurair Group,

have foreign investment at this time," said a senior Al-Futtaim Group official. "In any country, foreign investment is needed for two reasons - to make the economy more active or when you are in need of money. And this country is not short of money," he said. Al-Futtaim's joint ventures with foreign firms were limited to deals

cent share of any venture. who have channeled billions of dollars abroad seem eager for an enterprises. market economy, seems like a for-

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The

'Lesset'

MARK L. LEVINSON

After the second TV channel and the second cellular-phone company I suppose we should have seen it coming. There's no room any more for just one of

Pines is thinking of an upper chamber, to be populated by ex-

give lots of less senior politicos

room for advancement. But it

doesn't have the disadvantage of

making the old folks into minis-

ters. Pines says it has the advan-

tage of cultivating elder states-

But if we are to have a second

house. I think it shouldn't be for

the MKs who already know what

I think what we need more is a

practice Knesset for the inexperi-

enced. Some of today's Knesset

newbies could have used some

Call it Lesset for short, which -

appropriately enough - means

Our Lesset could try out not just

individual MKs, but entire leg-

islative systems. For example,

some people say MKs should be

elected by district; but no one

really knows what districting

Not everyone who supported

the law creating the directly-

elected prime minister expected

the results it produced. So rather

than risking another surprise why

not try districting in Lesset elec-

tions before considering it for the

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they're doing.

jaw" in Hebrew.

would lead to.

ministers and elder MKs. His proposal, like Norwegian Law that takes ministers out of the Knesset, would

anything.

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A last resort

THE placement of the former spokesman of the outlawed Kach movement, Noam Federman, under administrative detention for two months smacks of the famous order given at the end of the film Casablanca: "Round up the usual suspects." While there are certainly grounds for concern regarding an expected outbreak of violence following Israel's redeployment from most of Hebron, abusing the power of administrative detention is not the answer to the problem.

In principle, administrative detention is a legitimate tool in the fight against terror and the prevention of violence generally. Most Western democracies have such laws on the books and they are used from time to time. Israel's law providing for administrative detention is largely inherited from the British Mandate period, and Britain itself has employed detentions in its fight against the IRA.

But administrative detention is as close as democracies come to employing tools that are the hallmark of dictatorships. No charges are filed and the evidence against the detainee, if any, is neither revealed to the detainee or the defense counsel. Since detentions are supposed to be preventative, by their nature they violate the central tenet of modern jurisprudence: innocent until proven guilty. Not only have administrative detainees not been proven guilty, they have not even been formally accused of any

Because detention is a preventative measure and not necessarily linked to any actual crime, the danger is particularly great that it be used in an arbitrary manner. The potential for abuse is made even greater by the lack of transparency to outside elements, such as the legislature and the press.

Since it is such an extreme and anti-democratic measure, democracies generally do not employ detentions except in time of war or other extreme threats to society. Israel is a democracy which since its inception has faced direct violent threats of various kinds. It is therefore not surprising that Israel has had to resort to emergency measures such as detention more often than most democracies. But the general threat of terrorism and other violence that Israel must contend with cannot justify the employment of detentions beyond the narrow circumstances which warrant extreme measures. Detention is not an appropriate form of punishment, nor should it be used as a measure

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Detention is supposed to be a measure of last resort, to be employed only if less drastic measures are insufficient. In the case of Noam Federman, for example, it is not clear why house arrest, or some other form of restriction of movement would not have sufficed

Further, the resort to detention would seem to imply that the justice system had exhausted all of the conventional criminal prosecution tools at its disposal. In fact, there seems to be little change in the lax attitude taken toward crimes by Israelis in the territories against Palestinians and their property. There is a strange combination of laxity toward actual criminal activity and the use of detentions against potential provoca-

This combination raises suspicions that detentions, if not a first resort, are not a last resort either. While the handful of detentions employed against settlers has attracted considerable attention in Israel, it is not as well known that about 280 Palestinians are currently being held in administrative detention. Some have been held for over two years - detentions are

limited to six months, but they can be renewed. It should not be thought, however, particularly at this delicate time, that Israel should lessen its vigilance in the fight against terror. Not only the lives of Israeli citizens, but the whole peace process could be at stake.

Indeed, when detentions are necessary to save lives, they must be used. The danger is that the use of detention becomes routine - used not because it is necessary, but because it is convenient. The safeguards that make the justice system just also make it cumbersome. Detention is both simpler to use and harder to question, so it is tempting to use it as tool for deterrence and punishment, rather than strictly limiting its role to prevention of specific threats. Israel need not unduly sacrifice its security to remain loyal to its democratic values, but no one ever said the democratic road is the most easy or convenient.

There is no shortage of models, studies, and recommendations for ways to reduce the likelihood that the power to detain without trial will be abused. The incoming justice minister should turn his attention to employing some of them. Security and democracy need not be at odds with each other. With serious thought and effort, democracy, justice, security, and human rights can all be strengthened at once.

Sir, - Marilyn Henry's report of October 22 about the annual dinner of the Zionist Organization of decisive you are, and today you America in New York City mis- are needed more than ever. You represented the five-hour event. Attendance at the dinner was larger than at any annual ZOA dinner in decades, and guests described the evening as a delightful and extraordinary success from every

We were especially pleased and honored to have as a featured speaker at the dinner Israel's ambassador to the US, Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar. The ZOA was the first major American Jewish organization he chose to address since taking up his new position in the US. In his remarks, Ambassador Ben-Elissar said: "I have known the ZOA for many, many years, and know very well how determined you are, how

Sir, - Leah Rabin has achieved national and international prominence in the year since the tragic assassination of her husband, Yitzhak Rabin. On the first anniversary of the assassination, Greer Fay Cashman writes a moving widow-to-widow assessment of Leah Rabin's personal and public odyssey over the year (November 4). It might, however, be helpful to suggest that Leah Rabin seek for comfort and guidance from the precedent set by two extraordinary women who in the recent past were forced to cope with very similar tragic circumstances. Although they chose to pursue diametrically opposed courses, both managed to achieve inner calm and gained the love and respect of millions of people.

Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of president John F. Kennedy, turned down the public role that was repeatedly offered to her. She refused at all times to give public interviews; she wrote no memoir. she gave no public voice to her pain. She focused her remaining life on raising her children and pursuing her private interests. When she died, she was sincerely mourned as a woman of dignity and style. Her children seem to have drawn immense benefit from her care and concern and are admired

for their personal achievements. Coretta King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., chose to carry forward her husband's work. In the 28 years since the civil-rights leader was gunned down, Coretta King has spoken on numerous divisions and help us all to find

ZOA DINNER

are fighting the right fight, for the right cause, and I know you will not despair as others do sometimes, and I know we can have full trust in you." The ambassador also strongly

criticized the recent anti-Israel and anti-American incitement by Yasser Arafat and other senior PLO officials. Both Congressman Benjamin

Gilman and Ambassador Ben-Elissar received enthusiastic and prolonged standing ovations at the conclusion of their speeches. It is sad and disappointing that

Ms. Henry took one trivial episode, which occurred after the dinner was over and after nearly all of the guests had left, and false-

LEAH RABIN'S ROLE

occasions and written extensively. She is a powerful voice for racial equality and justice. Although she surely has suffered intense personal pain and, like Leah Rabin, was never at leisure to mourn, she has always spoken in terms of reconciliation and mutual tolerance. Never has she pointed an accusing figure at those she held responsible for her husband's death. Thrust unexpectedly into a public role she has emerged as someone who can make a difference precisely because she was able to surmount her personal tragedy.

Unlike Jacqueline Kennedy, Leah Rabin is not opting to walk away from a public role. Like Coretta King, she seems rather to feel a mission to carry forward her late husband's work. If that is indeed her goal, it is a noble though difficult one. The price she must pay is the price of all public persons. They cannot allow themselves to say whatever they like whenever they feel moved. The public image must be maintained and the private person can be induiged only at special times and never completely.

Because of the life she shared with Yitzhak Rabin, there is much that Leah Rabin can offer that would further the cause of peace in our region. It must be remembered however, that peace will not come to a nation whose soul is divided. Those who would bring us peace must work to heal our

ly implied that it was typical of the entire five-hour affair. There was no connection whatsoever between the ZOA dinner and the fact that in the lobby after the dinner, one or two individuals approached the ambassador and loudly expressed their concerns about the risks of a PLO takeover of most of Hebron. We strongly repudiate any rude behavior by anyone towards the ambassador or any other public official. Political disagreements should always be aired in a civil and responsible

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common ground. It is unacceptable, for example, to reject the presence of the president of Israel and the prime minister at ceremonies honoring the memory of the country's fallen leader. Everyone should be encouraged to join in remembering the good that was in Yitzhak Rabin. To do otherwise is to make of Rabin's memory a source of the very hatred between Israelis that was the root of the tragedy to begin with. Ultimately such behavior is also counterproductive and it will sooner or later result in neutralizing Leah Rabin's effectiveness as

a public spokeswoman.

If being at all times statesmanlike and constructive in a public role is too much of a burden for the newly widowed Leah Rabin to assume, that is understandable and deserves sympathy, as Greer Fay Cashman suggests. In return, however, Leah Rabin must accept the constraints of good citizenship and keep her mourning private. If she hears anger against key members of the government, she must nonetheless respect their office and resist the temptation to use her fame to promote a partisan view at a time when the nation

with itself. Two roles are available to Leah Rabin. Both are honorable. Both have been successfully pursued. Like most things in life, however. one cannot have it all. A choice is

unfortunately appears to be at war

ARNOLD I. KISCH, MD

decades Israel's prime minister has sent a birthday telegram to King Hussein of

Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Rabin - all observed the ritual faithfully, even during periods of tension. All the more, then, when there is peace; and today as our royal neighbor turns 61 he will be

N November 13 every year for more than three

receiving the customary greetings from Israel. Hussein has traditionally responded by sending Israeli leaders greetings on their birthdays. And he has added his own touch: farewell messages when they

retire from office. He sent especially warm greetings to Moshe Dayan and Yitzhak Shamir, Chaim Herzog and Shimon Peres on their retirement, expressing deep appreciation of his personal relationship with each man. These were genuine sentiments, not just polite ges-

In the matter of farewell notes Israel has had no chance to reciprocate. While we have gone through five presidents and seven prime ministers since Hussein ascended his throne the king has remained firmly seated, surprising the world with the stability of his rule, proving wrong those who foresold the swift demise of his

Several attempts on his life have failed, as have efforts to foment revolution in his kingdom. Hussein foiled these attempts with courage and good sense: and when he needed our help he didn't hesitate but obtained it with great sophistication, without appearing to compromise Arab solidarity.

When writing to Israeli leaders Hussein talks about "peace between the sons of Abraham." But it is not this that motivates him to communicate with us

MOSHE ZAK

Birthday gift to a king

Hussein is an Arab patriot who understands that Arab interests forbid flirtation with war.

Jordan needs stability and tranquillity, and since his bitter adventure in the Six Day War Hussein has taken care not to get involved in another conflict.

He took great pains to keep his kingdom out of the Yom Kippur War. Even though Arab solidarity required his sending a regiment to

Israel should set Hussein's mind at ease regarding his special status in Jerusalem's holy Islamic sites

the Golan be kept the Jordan bridges open and continued exchanging messages with Golda Meir to prevent hostilities breaking out.

Before the Gulf War too the king got prime minister Shamir to promise that Israel would not infringe Jordan's airspace in the event of war, armed with this assurance he obtained a corresponding one from Iraq that its planes would not overfly Jordan. Thus the kingdom remained "out of bounds" for the war's duration.

HUSSEIN has demonstrated great initiative in eliciting Israeli help in guarding Jordan's sovereignty and stopping his country being swallowed up by other Arab powers that threatened the Hashemite

Just before signing the peace treaty with Israel the king went even further: He sought our assistance beyond his own borders, in an area under Israeli sovereignty -

Hussein's grandfather King Abdullah reached strategic understanding with Israel 47 years ago on a joint blocking of the UN resolution to make Jerusalem an international city (something that would have destroyed the Hashemite kingdom's special, preferential status vis-a-vis Jerusalem's holy Islamic sites).

Years later his grandson requested that Jordan's status in this matter be preserved via a commitment from Israel. For Hussein this commitment constituted the jewel in the crown of his peace treaty with

Then, two years after the ratification of the treaty, Hussein began a search for that jewel, which had got lost somewhere in Solomon's Stables. Suddenly the king real-ized that Israel had been negligent over its undertaking to maintain Jordan's status in the holy places. Instead of talking to Jordanian

representatives in Jerusalem about converting the stables into a mosque the previous government applied to the Palestinian Authority's representatives; and the current government failed to appreciate this grave infringement of its treaty with Jordan. So Hussein turned to the PA ask-

ing the authority to assure his status in the holy places. This was a signal to Israel that it should urgently reassess its position in Jerusalem's Old City, with an eye to Jordan's interests there.

Along with his birthday greetngs to the king the prime minister should transmit this clear and unambiguous message: Israel is determined to uphold the "Jerusalem clause," that pillar of the peace treaty, by affirming Israeli rule in all parts of Jerusalem - thus ensuring Jordan's historic status, as promised.

The writer, a veteran journalist,

comments on currents affairs.

Arafat: Partner or predator?

few weeks ago the prime minister called Yasser Arafat "a friend and a partner" and backed it up with a very cordial public handshake.

Some of his coalition colleagues still insist that Arafat is a murderous terrorist determined to destroy the State of Israel. In a TV interview writer Moshe Shamir went even further, denouncing Arafat as an Arab Hitler who wants to kill Jews just because they are Jews.

Which is right? We can only under-stand Arafat's attitude against the background of the 100-year Jewish-Arab conflict in the Holy Land.

If it is based on pathological hatred and an Arab version of implacable Hitlerite antisemitism, Shamir may be right. If it is founded on a fundamentalist Moslem refusal to tolerate any non-Moslem state in the Middle East, Rafael Eitan, Benny Begin et al may be right.

If we look at the history of the conflict, however, we see that it is a realistic struggle between two nations over the possession and control of a territory each claim.

The clash erupted after the collapse of the Turkish empire in World War L when most of the Arabs under its rule eventually gained independence and only those of Palestine had to face the prospect of never being independent.

There was no doubt about the reason for this discrimination: The Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate had determined that the Jewish national home was to be established in Palestine. "To whom does Palestine belong?" was the question, to which the standard Zionist answer was: "To the Jewish people and the Arabs living in the country."

The Zionist movement recognized the civic rights of Palestinian Arabs as individuals, but believed that Arab national rights were satisfied elsewhere and that the national claims of the Arabs of Palestine were counterbalanced by the rights and needs of the Jewish people, including those who still lived in the Diaspora but were to be considered as potential citizens of the Jewish national home.

Chaim Weizmann believed that

MISHA LOUVISH

the conflict was not between right and wrong, but between two rights; and that the acute Jewish need for a national home outweighed the validity of the Arabs' rights. The Zionists therefore objected

to the establishment of democratic institutions in Palestine until enough Jews had settled in the country to constitute a majority. Naturally, the Arabs refused to

Right now he's the only partner there is. In time, he may even become a friend

accept these arguments. Their basic reason was not religious prejudice or irrational hatred, but national interest.

It was true that the representative body of the Palestinian Arabs was called the Higher Arab Committee; only much later, after the Palestinian Jews had decided to call themselves Israelis, did the Arabs of the country pick up the name and call them-

selves "the Palestinian people."

But the name didn't matter. Whether they regarded themselves as part of Syria or as a distinctive nation in the Arab world, and whether their ancestors had lived there for generations or arrived recently in search of work they wanted to be left alone to rule themselves in their own country.

They did not recognize the divine promise to Abraham (which did not, then play a very important part in Zionist ideology) and resented the arrival of the Jews even if they did introduce modernization, employment and material progress.

Describing his talk with a prominent Palestinian Arab leader, Musa Alami, in 1933, David Ben-Gurion

"The prevailing assumption in the Zionist movement then was that we were bringing a blessing to the Arabs of the country, and that they therefore had no reason to

with Musa Alami... this assumption was shattered. [He] told me that he would prefer the land to remain poor and desolate even for another 100 years until the Arabs were capable of ... making it flower, and I felt that as a patriotic Arab he had every right to this view."
In 1936, the Zionist movement

accepted, faute de mieux, the principle of compromise by partition, and in 1948 the Jewish state was established in part of Palestine.

For four decades the Palestinians - from 1964 under Arafat's leadership - conducted a brutal terrorist war against Israeli men, women, and children. Only in 1988, 20 years after the 1967 war (in which Israel, in self-defense against Arab aggression, occupied the Gaza Strip and the West bank) did Arafat recognize Israel's right to exist and, in effect, adopt the partition principle. Five more years had to pass

before the Rabin government started the Oslo process that may, in time, lead to agreement between the two nations on a permanent settlement of the conflict. In this process Arafat is certainly

a partner - right now the only partner there is. Perhaps in time, despite past intransigence and crimes, he may become a friend.

The writer comments on public affairs from a Labor viewpoins.

freelancer.

POSTSCRIPTS

PRINCESS DIANA had to dip into her £17 million divorce settlement to pay in cash for two lipsticks when her credit card was rejected at her favorite London store.

Diana looked furious as her store card was turned down twice for the £24 payment. Her spokesman said the card

had expired and blamed the shop. up-market Harvey Nicholls, for being to slow to send her a new

THERE ARE so many candidates for Stupidest Thief of the Year. This woman will have to be a front-runner.

A Stratford, Ontario, woman

suspected of stealing wallets from supermarket shopping carts inad-vertently identified herself by dumping four wallets into a produce bin while fleeing a store.

One of the wallets was hers. with a photo 1D recognized by one of the shoppers whose wallet was stolen.

Later the woman phoned police to report she had lost her wallet.

"HOW OLD are you, Savia"" five-year-old Shir asked her grandmother. When she heard the answer, the child's eyes popped in astonishment, and she asked: "Did you start from one?" Dvora Waysman

Knesset? For the sake of wide representation seats in the Lesset could be owned in rotation, like time on TV's Channel 2.

A practice Knesset for the inexperienced

Of course we wouldn't want time always to go to the highest bildder, like broadcast-days on the second channel. That would make the Lesset too much like the Knesset. But we could sell a quota of seats, for example, to the overseas philanthropists who so enjoy behaving as if they were running a piece of the country.

And unlike Ophir Pines, who thinks that serving three terms in the Knesset should guarantee you a seat in the other house, I think three unsuccessful runs for Knesset should guarantee you a seat. Anyone with that kind of dedication in the face of defeat deserves a chance to prove him-

ANOTHER group I'd like to see tested out in the Lesset is women. I don't mean to pick on novelist Barbara Sofer, but I need to quote someone: "She notes that none of the main players in the current peace process are women, and that women could contribute to it greatly." says The Jerusalem

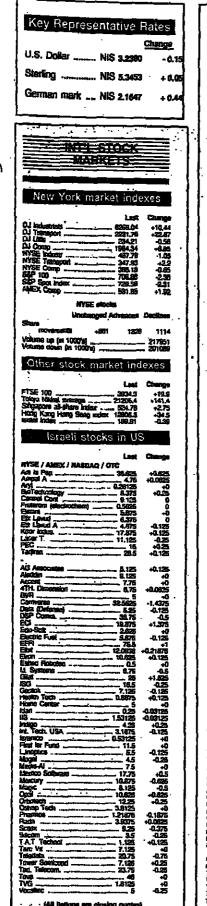
We're always hearing women claiming they could govern better than men. Since they won't vote more than a handful of their own sex into the Knesset, I say: Put them in the Lesset for a while. I have my own suspicions. which are more like what Lenny

Bruce said: "Women are more like men than men are." Let's have them all in the Lesset Women in Black, Women in Green, chronic election-losers, Diaspora fatcats, local ward heel-

Also, with the Knesset to save former generals from poverty, we should have the Lesset for former beauty queens, former soccer stars, and people who can't sell their Herbalife consignments.

Just one more thing: Knesset elections in the leap years. Lesset elections in the alternate evennumbered years; and in the oddnumbered years we get to vote on which of the two houses makes the laws.

The writer is a Herzliya-based



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Little change as investors await CPI

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL





Two-Sided Index

SHARES were little changed yesterday as investors, waiting for the release of October's Consumer Price Index on Priday, looked for clues over whether the central bank will reduce interest

Prominent among advancing stocks were Elbit and Supersol while Teva slipped.

Investors are "waiting on the index. We hope it will be (a rise of) 0.7 percent or 0.8%," said Ari Edelheit, trader at investment finn Zeller Avlagon. "The Treasury speaks about 1%. They always go higher because they want a good surprise."

The Maof Index and the Two-Sided Index both edged up 0.04%, to 202.29 and 192.5 respectively. Across the exchange, NIS 47.6 million (\$14.7m.) of shares traded, 6.7% less than the month's daily average of NIS 51m.

daily average of NIS 51m.

Teva was the most active issue, down 2% on NIS 5.6m of shares traded. Supersol shares climbed 1.75% after posting third-quarter earnings. "Nobody's surprised by

the numbers" at Supersol, Edelheit said. "If we didn't buy it a week ago, there's no reason to buy it now."

Koor rose 0.75%, Koor subsidiary Tadiran advanced 2.25%, Eiron tacked on 1.5%, Hadera Paper moved up 1.5%, Nice jumped 2.25%, and Israel Land Development rose 0.25%.

Results among the banks were mixed: Bank Hapoalim eased 0.25%, Discount Bank rose 1%, while Bank Leumi and First International were unchanged.

Among the chemical compa-

Among the chemical companies, Makhteshim and Agan added 0.5%, Israel Chemicals finished up 0.75%, and Bromine rose 1.75%. Dead Sea Works was unchanged

unchanged.
Clal Israel was unchanged, Clal
Electronics lost 0.5%, and Clal
Industries rose 1.75%.

Blue Square, which runs Co-Op supermarkets, added 0.25%. Shekem was unchanged, and Elco Holdings, which has investments including 44% of Shekem, rose 2%. (Bloomberg)

Eurobourses climb, dollar recovers vs. mark

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses climbed sharply yesterday, with some hitting new peaks, despite an unsteady opening on Wall Street after a recordbreaking

On currency markets, the dollar recovered from two-month lows against the mark on supportive remarks by Bundesbank council members.

members.
Frankfurt and Amsterdam stocks broke records and Paris shares surged to a new high for the year as the stronger dollar was seen as offering improved potential for European exporters.

European exporters.

European investors went on a buying spree, shrugging off yesterday's early losses on Wall Street which saw its fourth consecutive record close on Monday. Wall Street recovered some of the

losses in later trade.
Frankfurt surged to a record intra-day high on the IBIS DAX index in computerized transactions as the dollar strengthened.

index in computerized transactions as the dollar strengthened.

The 30-share IBIS DAX jumped to an all-time trading peak of 2,765.61 points before slipping back slightly towards the close. The previous best was set only last Friday. Floor trading ended up

In Amsterdam, Dutch shares ended at a fresh closing high, the second in two days after coming close to breaking through the 600 level on AEX share index for the first time.

The index closed 0.49 points higher at 597.59. It reached to 599.69 in the opening hours of the session, buoyed by another record high closing overnight on Wall

French stocks recovered their composure after slipping in early trade to end at 2229.13 points, a

gain of 1.09 percent and the highest close of the year.

Bundesbank directorate member Edgar Meister said the current differ exchange cate was not appropriate." The nonar rose, which heartened French investors as dollar strength could help US appetite for foreign assets.

In London, stocks built up a head of steam in early trading drawing strength from Wall Street's fourth consecutive record close on Monday. The momentum kept London ahead, even when Wall Street opened in the minus

But traders and strategists say further gains are likely to be limited until the British budget is

released on November 26.

"Cash levels are very high at the moment, but I don't think anyone is going to be comfortable putting it into the market this side of the budget," said Tim Russell, head of UK equities at Lazard Investors.

Meister's comments, coupled with remarks by Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Krupp that he believed a stronger dollar might be more appropriate, helped the dollar recover from lows against the mark.

The US currency edged over the 1.50-mark level in late European trade, propelled by the Bundesbank comments.

Bundesbank comments.

Currency analysts said with a full schedule of Bundesbank officials speaking over the next three days, these comments could be the start of a fresh round of verbal dollar support.

"Clearly what we're seeing is the Bundesbank go into a strategy of verbal support for the dollar," said James McKay, international economist at PaineWebber in

Dow sets 5th straight record close

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks ended in record territory yesterday for the fifth straight session on expectations the Federal Reserve will stand pat on interest rates at today's policy-setting meeting of the Fedcral Open Market Committee.

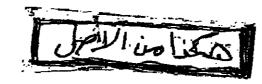
Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.44 points to 6.266.04, which beat Monday's record close of 6.255.60.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 13-11 on moderate volume of 475 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Wednesday, November 13, 1996

Easdaq founders

THREE local firms - Bank Evergreen Capital Markets, and Shirat Enterprises have invested in Easdaq, the European stock market for growth companies, Easdaq CEO Jacques

Putzeys said yesterday. Easdaq, which is expected to start operating at the end of the month, has 95 shareholders, primarily from Europe and the US, including leading banks, financial companies, and Nasdaq.

All of the shareholders have a business plan. They want to be traders, investment bankers, or advisers," Putzeys said. He added that many Israeli firms have shown interest in Easdaq since its creation in May 1995. Shareholders have invested \$12 million in the market so far.

Shirat President Eliezer Manor said it will be easier for a local firm to go public on Easdaq than on Nasdaq, since the US market is very demanding and is primarily interested in companies with a high valuation. More than 100 Israeli firms are traded on Nasdaq, which has recently become a very popular market for local companies to raise capital due to the

local capital market slump. Manor added that Easdaq has the advantage of being closer than Nasdaq. "You have to be on the road in the US for a successful ini-

tial public offering. Easdaq was founded by the European Venture Capital Association to combat the recent small growth of the European market compared with the flour-

ishing US venture capital market. According to Putzeys, Easday is an independent, integrated market that will focus on growth compa-nies, will be accessible throughout Europe, and will offer a dual trading facility with Nasdaq. He said the exchange does not intend to com-

pete with its American counterpart. "Only 80 European companies are traded on Nasdaq. We want to achieve double-listing of securities to have a 16-hour market." Putzeys said.

The exchange has completed its initial stage and will start with quotations of potential companies on November 25. By the end of next year, Putzeys estimates 50 firms will be traded, including some dual listings with Nasdaq. About seven companies have already applied for admission.

The key admission requirements to Easdaq are similar to those of Nasdaq: total assets of at least ECU 3.5m. (NIS 14.5m.), capital and reserves of at least ECU 2m., one sponsor, and two market makers. In addition, firms must be willing to provide detailed information regularly to investors.

Easdaq's quotation system has been designed to operate alongside the International Securities Market Association's (ISMA) existing trade confirmation system Trax, a real-time, cross-border trade-confirmation system linking 290 customers in 15 countries. The settlement of Easdaq transactions will be carried out by Intersettle, a Swiss-based clearing organization specializing in equities.

3 Israeli firms among US: Gaza industrial park to operate in two months

THE first Palestinian industrial park is to begin operating at the Karni junction within two months, US Undersecretary of Trade Stuart Eisenstadt yesterday told The Jerusalem Post.

The park is one of nine planned for the autonomous areas that will be financed by western countries. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon told Eisenstadt on

Monday that Israel would provide water and electricity for the parks, including those located on the Palestinian side of the Green Line.

DAVID HARRIS CAIRO

Netanyahu prefers that the Karni

park straddle the border between Israel and Gaza. "We believe that real progress is

being made by [our team in Tel Aviv] working with the Palestinians and the Israeli government," Eisenstadt said. Meanwhile, Industry and Trade

Minister Natan Sharansky said Israel is prepared to contribute more than the \$14 million initially

Until now, senior ministry sources have said the government would not provide assistance if the entire park were located beyond the Green Line.

"We on the Israeli side are organizing to do everything we can in Karni, but we still have to look at the important issues of security and legislation," Sharansky said. He added that Israel may help fund a rail link to the area. "We want them to have what they require, and we don't want to

Soaring Deutsche Telekom share demand worries banks

BONN (Reuter) - Nearly 1.5 million German private investors have placed firm orders to buy at least 100 shares in Deutsche Telekom when the German phone giant goes public next week, the firm said yesterday.

The enormous demand will guarantee that the \$12 billion issue is oversubscribed several times but has managers of Europe's largest-ever share offering getting braced for a wave of investor discontent as the shares will be in short supply.

Around 3.1m. Germans signed up with the company's share information center (AIF) to take advantage of discounted share prices and loyalty bonuses for holding

Orders for shares can be placed until tomorrow. The

company will float up to 690m. shares. Trade begins in Germany and New York on November 18 and a day later in Tokyo. The shares are expected to cost around 30 marks. Around 70% of shares will be placed in Germany and divided up between individual and institutional investors.

Because of the heavy demand, individuals who placed large orders for hundreds of shares could end up receiving only a fraction of their total orders, which could leave many of them disappointed.

Anticipating complaints from angry first-time investors, lead underwriter, Deutsche Bank AG, has set up a hot line to try to ease the potential problem by offer-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Panel says National Oil Company sale process can begin: The Knesset Finance Committee gave a green light yesterday for the state to start the process of selling National Oil Company. According to the government's proposal, the company will be sold to a private investor, who will have to promise to continue operating it as an active business.

Importers have good debt record - survey: Local importers are considered among the most trustworthy in the world, according to a survey on bad debts recently conducted by Business Data Israel

BDI said the rate of bad debts caused by local importers is lower than that in the US, in Japan, and in most European countries The survey is based on information received from foreign insurance firms. In the first ten months of the year, bad debts reached about \$4m. here, less than 0.2 percent of all local insured transactions. Galit Lipkis Beck

Zedillo travels to Argentina for trade talks: Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo yesterday started a three-day visit to Argentina aimed at boosting bilateral political ties and pushing forward free trade talks with Mercosur, South America's main

"We are re-starting the Mexico-Mercosur negotiations," Mexico's Trade Undersecretary Jaime Zabludovsky told Reuters. Mercosur is a customs union including South American giants Brazil and Argentina, plus neighboring

Uruguay and Paraguay.

Zedillo and his Argentine counterpart Carlos Menem plan to sign an agreement for the mutual protection of investments.

GM trades in historic headquarters: General Motors Corp... trading in 76 years of history for the promise of a more efficient future, moved its top executives out of its landmark headquarters building to its new home in Detroit's Renaissance Center earlier

About 70 people, led by GM Chairman Jack Smith, and Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, became the first GM employees to move into the downtown glass-towered complex on the Detroit River, which will be called the General Motors Global Headquarters at

GM bought the Renaissance Center, built in the 1970s with backing by the late Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II, for about \$72 million in May.

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- Keynote address: Professor Moshe Arens.
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- Charlie Federman, Geo Capital: American Venture Capital Fund. Meeting with entrepreneurs who head young companies.

■ Where, when, how?

The Start-Up seminar will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 8:30-16:30, Gan Oranim Hall, Tel-Aviv Exhibition Fair Grounds.

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Elbit's net income **climbs 7.8%**

ELBIT Ltd. announced vesterday a 7.8 percent increase in thirdquarter net income to \$3.6 million, from \$3.3m. in the same period

one year ago.

The Haifa-based conglomerate, which has received shareholder approval to split into three pub-licly-traded companies focusing on the defense, medical imaging, and commercial fields, did not report revenue or per-share earnings for the quarter. The company said it will release separate division

reports at the end of the month. Elbit (Nasdaq: ELBTF) designs, develops, and manufactures a range of products, including tex-tile-inspection equipment, televi-sions, and advanced systems for the defense-contracting and medical industries.

ECI TELECOM Ltd.

Reading between the lines... you have time for trading action until 11 PM.

JOIN IDB TELEBANK DIAL 03-5199111 FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM. circuit board industry was up 5.8% to \$35.3m., from \$33.3m. NICE SYSTEMS Ltd. of Tel Aviv reported third-quarter net income of \$1.7m, compared with a loss of \$158,000 during the same period last year. Revenue for the period was up nearly 90% to \$10.2m., from \$6.4m. in the third quarter of 1995.

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ORBOTECH Ltd.'s (Nasdaq:

ORBKF) third-quarter net income

rose 41% to \$4.6m., from \$3.3m.

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in the same period last year.

comparable period in 1995.

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Based in Petah Tikva, the firm (Nasdaq: ECILF) makes telecom-

Nice (Nasdaq: NICEY) special-izes in computer telephony integration technology.

MEMCO SOFTWARE Ltd. (Nasdaq: MEMCF) reported thirdquarter net income of \$860,000. compared with a loss of \$1.12m. in the same period last year.

Revenues for the Tel Aviv-based security software product developer totaled \$4.2m., up from \$180,00 in the corresponding peri-

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Little change as investors await CPI

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SHARES were little changed yesterday as investors, waiting for release of October's Consumer Price Index on Friday, looked for clues over whether the central bank will reduce interest

Prominent among advancing stocks were Elbit and Supersol while Teva slipped.

Investors are "waiting on the index. We hope it will be (a rise of) 0.7 percent or 0.8%," said Ari Edelbeit, trader at investment firm Zeller Aviagon. "The Treasury speaks about 1%. They always go higher because they want a good surprise.

The Maof Index and the Two-Sided Index both edged up 0.04%, to 202,29 and 192.5 respectively. Across the exchange, NIS 47.6 million (\$14.7m.) of shares traded, 6.7% less than the month's

daily average of NIS 51m. Teva was the most active issue down 2% on NIS 5.6m of shares traded. Supersol shares climbed 1.75% after posting third-quarter earnings. "Nobody's surprised by

numbers" at Supersol, Edelheit said. "If we didn't buy it a week ago, there's no reason to のでは、1900年のでは、1900年の1900年のでは、1900年の

buy it now. Koor rose 0.75%, Koor subsidiary Tadiran advanced 2.25%. Elron tacked on 1.5%, Hadera Paper moved up 1.5%, Nice jumped 2.25%, and Israel Land Development rose 0.25%.

Results among the banks were mixed: Bank Happalim eased 0.25%, Discount Bank rose 1%, while Bank Leumi and First International were unchanged. Among the chemical compa

nies, Makhteshim and Agan added 0.5%, Israel Chemicals finished up 0.75%, and Bromine rose 1.75%. Dead Sea Works was

Clai Israel was unchanged, Clai Electronics lost 0.5%, and Clal Industries rose 1.75%.

Blue Square, which runs Co-Op supermarkets, added 0.25%. Shekem was unchanged, and Elco Holdings, which has investments including 44% of Shekem, rose

Eurobourses climb, dollar recovers vs. mark

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses climbed sharply yesterday, with some hitting new peaks, despite an unsteady opening on Wall Street after a recordbreaking

On currency markets, the dollar recovered from two-month lows against the mark on supportive remarks by Bundesbank council

Frankfurt and Amsterdam stocks broke records and Paris shares surged to a new high for the year as the stronger dollar was seen as offering improved potential for European exporters.

European investors went on a buying spree, shrugging off yes-terday's early losses on Wall Street which saw its fourth consecutive record close on Monday. Wall Street recovered some of the

losses in later trade. Frankfurt surged to a record intra-day high on the IBIS DAX index in computerized transactions as the dollar strengthened.

The 30-share IBIS DAX jumped to an all-time trading peak of 2,765.61 points before slipping back slightly towards the close. The previous best was set only last Friday. Floor trading ended up

slightly.
In Amsterdam, Dutch shares ended at a fresh closing high, the second in two days after coming close to breaking through the 600 level on AEX share index for the first time.

The index closed 0.49 points higher at 597.59. It reached to 599.69 in the opening hours of the session, buoyed by another record high closing overnight on Wall

French stocks recovered their composure after slipping in early trade to end at 2229.13 points, a gain of 1.09 percent and the highest close of the year.

Bundesbank directorate member Edgar Meister said the current dollar exchange Tale was not which heartened French investors as dollar strength could help US appetite for foreign assets.

In London, stocks built up a head of steam in early trading drawing strength from Wall Street's fourth consecutive record close on Monday. The momentum kept London ahead, even when Wall Street opened in the minus :

column yesterday.

But traders and strategists say further gains are likely to be limited until the British budget is

ed until the British budget is released on November 26.

"Cash levels are very high at the moment, but I don't think anyone is going to be comfortable putting it into the market this side of the budget," said Tim Russell, head of UK equities at Lazard Investors.

Meister's comments, coupled with remarks by Bundeshank

with remarks by Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Krupp that he believed a stronger dollar might be more appropriate. helped the dollar recover from . lows against the mark

The US currency edged over the 1.50-mark level in late European trade, propelled by the Bundesbank comments.

Currency analysts said with a full schedule of Bundesbank offi- ! cials speaking over the next three days, these comments could be the ! start of a fresh round of verbal;

dollar support.

"Clearly what we're seeing is the Bundesbank go into a strategy of verbal support for the dollar," said James McKay, international economist at PaineWebber in

Dow sets 5th straight record close

WALL STREET REPORT

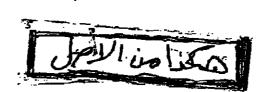
NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks ended in record terrilory yesterday for the fifth straight session on expectations the Federal Reserve will stand pat on interest rates at today's policy-setting meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 10.44 points to: 6.266.04, which beat Monday's record close of 6,255,60.

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Smoltz wins NL Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) - John Smoltz ended Greg Maddux's Cy Young streak at four, easily winning the award Monday and giving the Atlanta Braves four straight winners.

Smoltz received 26 first-place votes and two second-place votes for 136 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America Florida's Kevin Brown was second with two firsts, 26 seconds and 88 points. Cardinals right-hander Andy Benes was third with nine points. Smoltz led the majors in wins with 24.

Atlanta's prized pitching staff became the first to win four consecutive Cy Young Awards and has won five of six, a streak that began with Tom

Maddux won for the Chicago Cubs the following year and then won in each of his first three seasons with the Braves.

Hideo Nomo of the Dodgers was fourth with five points. Tied with Maddux for fifth were Trevor Hoffman of the Padres and Todd Worrell

of the Dodgers. Smoltz, a 29-year-old right-hander, was 24-8 with a 2.94 ERA winning 14 consecutive decisions from April 9-June 19. He led the majors in strikeouts with 276.

Smoltz, who became a free agent following the World Series, earned a \$250,000 bonus for winning the award on top of his \$ 5.25 million.

Bowlers Donald, Klusener shape South African win

ing with three for 29 to give him a seven-wicket match haul.

of three for 32 took his match tally

to eight wickets.

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Klusener's second innings haul

He helped to polish off the mid-

The last six Karnataka wickets

tumbled for 32 as the touring team

completed a crushing victory in

the first of two three-day matches

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Johnson Ibw b Crookes Ganesh Ibw b Klusener

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dle and lower orders after Donald

Shashikanth in his second spell.

COCHIN, (Reuter) - South African pace bowlers Allan and Lance Klusener demolished Karnataka for the secand time to inflict a 244-run defeat on the Ranji Trophy champions

Kamataka, set an improbable victory target of 362 on the third and final day, was bundled out for 117 in 205 minutes.

The South African victory was delayed by a two-hour interruption due to afternoon showers, but its bowlers completed the task quickly once play had resumed. Opener Jagdish Arun Kumar and

Fazal Khaleel offered the only resistance to the touring team's pace attack. Kumar struck three boundaries

in his 33 before being caught behind by Dave Richardson off captain Hansie Cronje's medium Cronje was adjudged man of the

match for his brilliant knock in South Africa's second innings and positive captaincy. Khaleel, the top scorer in Karnataka's first innings, hit two

boundaries in his second effort of Donald rattled the Karnataka

second innings early on by dismissing · opener

Zola joins Italian invasion of Chelsea LONDON (AP) - Gianfranco Zola, the latest member of Chelsea's Italian connection, joined Ruud Gullit's Chelsea side after agreeing last week to a £4.5 million transfer fee from Italian

side Parma. Zola is the third Italian to join the London club since former AC Milan and Sampdoria striker Rund Gullit took over as manager from Glenn Hoddle at the start of the

Gianluca Vialli joined from Juventus on a free transfer and Roberto Di Matteo was hired from Lazio for £4.9m. Gullit also recruited French defender Franck

"You don't get an opportunity like this every day and when I heard Zola might be available I knew that I wanted him to come to Chelsea," Gullit said amid reports that the 30-year-old midfielder will be earning about £25,000 weekly on a 31/2-year contract.

"I think with Gianfranco that his qualities are obvious," Gullit added. "He has great technical ability and he sees the game very

"At Parma this season he has been a victim of a change in the playing style. If Parma didn't want to use his quality, I knew I'd like to have it."

Zola, who had fallen out with Parma coach Carlo Ancelotti over his role on the team, is one of Europe's most stylish, enterprising and influential players despite being only 5-foot-6 (1.68m). He was a top player for Napoli between 1990-93 before moving to Parma and helping the club win the UEFA Cup in 1994.

"I came to Chelsea because they believed in me," Zola said. "This is a great opportunity for my

career and I decided I wanted to play Saturday against Blackburn. Middlesbrough, and said another Brazilian client - Emerson play in this team and play in this As part of the Zola transfer deal, Chelsea and Parma will play two

> Juninko denies leaving Boro

Juninho's agent denied reports that the Brazilian

for the defending NBA champi-

would also be staying with the northeastern English club. Reports said the 23-year-old

midfielder had begun talks with several Italian clubs. Last week, Emerson was reported to be unhappy in England and threat-

"If any offers come in from Italy, I'm ready to discuss them," Juninho was quoted in the Daily Mail."I believe my best prospects lie with Inter Milan. I could also be a success with AC Milan or

Juventus." Gianni Paladini, the agent for both players, said the two would be back when Middlesbrough plays Sunday against Derby.

Udinese denies Utd

bid for German striker While denying that Manchester United made a \$20 million bid for Oliver Bierhoff, Udinese officials said Monday that the German striker is not on for sale. Bierhoff, who moved to Udinese

in 1995 after playing four seasons with Ascoli, became one of the most coveted European players this summer following his outstanding performances with the German team at the European Championships. He also tallied the winning goal

in extra time in the European final against the Czech Republic.

Barcelona: No interest in Newcastle's Ginola

Barcelona has denied reports that they are interested in signing Newcastle United's French, forward David Ginola. "There is nothing in it," a (1)

Barcelona club source said yesterday. "The club looked at signing him in the close season but in the end he was considered too expen-Several Spanish newspapers

reported a transfer was possible after Ginola's agent was seen in the president's box at Barcelona's game against Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

attempted to repair the floor. "We feel it is necessary to cancel the game for the players' safetys." Edges of the sectioned hardwood floor were sticking up as

high as one-eighth of an inch in

Jazz officials blamed the cause of the problem as a combination of weakened plastic support rods and moisture from the ice rink

BLUE IS THE COLOR - Gianfranco Zola joins fellow Italians Vialli and Di Matteo on English

side's roster.

TORONTO (AP) _ Dale Ellis scored 37 points to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 104-93 victory over the Toronto Raptors

Monday night. Ellis hit 15 of 23 shots from the field, including 9 of 15 in the first half as the Nuggets took a 53-34 lead at intermission.

Rookie Marcus Camby, making his first start as a pro, scored 10 straight Toronto points in the third quarter and finished with a

Ellis leads Nuggets past Raptors career-high 26 points.
Bulls 97, Suns 79

Michael Jordan scored 26 points, Dennis Rodman pulled down 22 rebounds in Chicago's

"I have had problems at Parma

this year and the conditions for me

weren't ideal. I have spoken to

Roberto and to Fabrizio Ravanelli

and they told me that English foot-

It wasn't clear if Zola would

latest victory. The Bulls remained unbeaten while Phoenix is still Scottie Pippen added 18 points

Michael Finley scored 17 points for the Suns (0-6), who are within three losses of their worst start

undefeated team.

ons, who at 7-0 are off to the best In Salt Lake City, a damaged start in franchise history. Houston floor at the Delta Center was (6-0) is the league's only other deemed unsafe and forced the

Spurs-Jazz Postponed

postponement of Utah's game with the San Antonio Spurs. "There is no way the game can be played tonight," NBA referee Jess Kersey said while workers

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SAN DIEGO (Reuter) - Stan losing streak. Detroit Lions 27-21 on Monday.

last week's victory over Indianapolis due to a dislocated shoulder, completed 24-of-32 passes for 311 yards and three touchdowns.

Humphries hit Tony Martin with a 32-yard strike after 10 minute of the first quarter to make it 7-0.

for good, 17-14. Martin had eight receptions for 113 yards.

straight following a three-game losing streak to move within one game of second-place Kansas City in the AFC West.

Detroit (4-6) dropped its fourth straight game to fall into a tie with

completed 5-of-9 passes for 49 yards before exiting.

Majkowksi directed a 12-play, 61-yard drive, capped by his oneyard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman with 1:52 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull the Lions within 27-21. The ensuing onside kick by Jason Hanson was recovered by San Diego linebacker Junior Seau, sealing the victory.

The Chargers dominated time of possession, holding the ball for 40:39, while Detroit had possession for just 19:21. The Chargers won despite being penalized 11 times for 129 yards.

ited to 51 yards on 16 carries.

Humphries throws

Humphries threw three touchdown passes, including a 46yarder to Andre Coleman on the the first half, as the San Diego Chargers held off the Humphries, who did not play in

His 46-yard "Hail Mary" bomb to Coleman on the final play of the first half gave the Chargers the lead

San Diego (6-4) won its second

Chicago for third place in the NFC Central. The Lions have been outscored 127-67 during the

three TDs as Chargers hold off Lions

Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell left the game early in the third quarter and did not return was replaced by Don Majkowksi, who was 10-for-18 for 110 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell

Detroit's Barry Sanders rushed for two touchdowns, but was lim-Leonard Russell carried 20 times for a game-high 80 yards for San Diego.

Hapoel beat Maccabi in Tel Aviv Toto Cup derby

FEWER than 1.000 spectators turned out to see the Tel Aviv derby match between Maccabi and Hapoel at the National Stadium yesterday in the Toto Cup fixture held over from the weekend.

The match went against current form, with Hapoel, which is in financial turnoil turning the tables on Maccabi, earning a 3-1 win. A Maccabi win would have ensured a semifinal berth but they

will have to wait until after the final round of matches to see whether they go through to the latter stages of the competition. Yossi Madar drew first blood for Hapoel with a penalty in the 30th minute and two more goals in

the second half by Alon Hazan in

the 50th and Sagiv Eliahu in the

tion effort for Maccabi 11 minutes

from time.
The fifth round of Toto Cup action will be completed today when Maccabi Haifa hosts Hapoel Beersheba today.

In other news, the turmoil at Maccabi Herzliya continues as the club searches for a new coach and Fired coach Gil Landau refused

to turn up for training yesterday after pleas by Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau that he should do so. The mayor said he was hopeful of naming a replacement by this morning but gave no indication as to who his candidate might be. PWDLFAPs

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MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

THOMAS Hengelbrock leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in a Handel and Haydn evening featuring the Water Music by the former and the 90th Symphony by the latter. Mezzosoprano Zehava Gal sings Handel's dramatic Italian cantata Lucrezia. Tonight and tomorrow (8) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

THE always invigorating Tones and Colors at the Gallery series opens tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv University Gallery, featuring Flutes of Silver and Gold. Four of our leading flutists, Uri Shoham, Er'ella Talmi, Lior Eitan and Eyal Ein-Hahar, perform works by Mozart, Gluck, Maurice and Zvi Avni. The program is repeated Saturday morning (11) in Kfar Sava

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

IRA Sullivan's fame precedes him, and tickets sold out so fast in Tel Aviv that they've scheduled an extra concert. The 65-year-old trumpeter/saxophonist is part of this year's Chicago Jazz series. He's considered one of the most brilliant improvisers ever, and is one of the few musicians to have mastered both instruments. The CDs he made in the '80s with fellow trumpeter Red Rodney have become classics. Tonight at the Israel Museum at 8:30 p.m.

GUITAR FESTIVAL

HELEN KAYE

IT starts tonight with local guitarist Reuben Seroussi and Yoram Zerbib playing their tribute concert to Joaquin Rodrigo at 8 p.m., with Amos Adami and his Jazz Quarter at 10 p.m. Both at Tzavta Tel Aviv.

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Reuben Seroussi (above) and Yoram Zerbib pay tribute to Joaquin Rodrigo at the 13th International Guitar Festival.

ANAT Shamgar presents Monologue, a sort of physical diary of a woman's life. Shamgar is best known for her dance improvisations and her works in concert with bass player Jean Clande Jones. Tonight and tomorrow at ZOA House at 9 p.m. Helen Kaye

TELEVISION

GREER FAY CASHMAN

MURDER and mayhem on an international scale will keep viewers on the edge of their seats when viewing On Dangerous Ground, the four-part British suspense series which begins at 9:25 tonight on Channel 1. Dylan is a professional killer willing to work for anyone who will pay his price. British Intelligence doesn't have the budget for Dylan's services, but it does have enough information on him to put him away for a long. long time. Dylan gets the message, and needless to say, he is very happy to serve the cause if it means staying out of prison.

The hit man finds himself in an intricate multinational web in which Britain, China and Japan are entangled over a World War II document relating to Hong Kong. The series, based on the best-seller by Jack Higgins, stars Rob Lowe, Kenneth Cranham and Debra Moore.

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23 Sound happy as a cat (4)

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CHANNEL 1

6:31 News In Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

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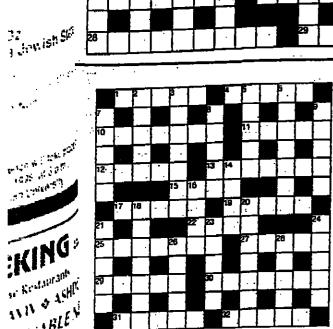
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Women's prayer group attacked at Western Wall

Hoffman: Incident was set to coincide with Dayan visit

THE Women of the Wall were the object of haredi violence at the Western Wall yesterday and were forcibly ejected from the area by police, though they have prayed regularly at the Wall without incident over the past six years, according to a spokesperson for the group.

"I was praying. All of a sudden, I heard this one guy yelling ... then I heard boom, boom, they were throwing items, I think a chair, over the divider," said Rachel Jaskow, a member of Women of the Wall.

Jerusalem Municipal Council member Anat Hoffman, who is also a member of the group, said the apparent reason for yesterday's violence was the planned visit to the area of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, scheduled for later that day. Committee head Yael Dayan (Labor) postponed the visit until today, after religious lawmakers warned her of more violence.

Hoffman said she and other members of the group believe they were ambushed by a group of about 10 men, who had come HAIM SHAPIRO

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specifically for this purpose. Even before the group began praying, she said, these men began attacking them from the men's section with chairs and boards. Instead of stopping the attackers, she said, the police forced the group of women to

She quoted a police officer as telling her, "You can't pray like that." When she asked to what he objected, he pointed out that four members of the group of over 40 women were wearing kippot.

Jerusalem district police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the group of several dozen women had wanted to pray at the Wall wearing kippot and that some men had objected and thrown benches at the women. No arrests were made, he said. None of the women were hurt, but one policeman was injured by a bench.

The police moved the women from the women's section to the

Western Wall Plaza and from there to a place in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City where they completed their prayers, Ben-Ruby said.

"We are checking the details of the incident," he said.

Hoffman said that for the past six years the women had been praying at the Western Wall on every Rosh Hodesh, which marks the beginning of the Hebrew month, as well as on holidays and fast days like Simhat Torah, the Fast of Esther and Tisha Be'av. During that time, no acts of violence had been committed against them, she said. The regular worshipers have

come to accept us," she said.
The Women of the Wall, a group which includes Orthodox.

Conservative and Reform women, originally tried to read from a Torah scroll during their prayers at the Western Wall. When the courts ruled that they could not do so, they limited themselves to reciting together those prayers for which a minyan - a quorum of 10 men - is not



Police receive 44 new vehicles yesterday at a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. Each vehicle cost NIS 150,000 and is equipped with the latest in hi-tech accessories to help police crack down on traffic offenders and reduce road accidents. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani warned drivers to "watch out - Big Brother is watching from up above."

Knesset OKs Matza appointment

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WINTER DAYS

THE Knesset confirmed Likud MK Yehoshua Matza as the new health minister yesterday. Matza's new job was affirmed

by 50 votes to one. Only Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) voted against

In the same session, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon read the Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh appointing former health minister Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) as justice minister. Since Hanegbi was already in the cabinet, the change did not require Knesset approval.

Hanegbi has been acting justice minister for several months, since Ya'acov Ne'eman was forced to resign to face criminal charges related to the Aryeh Deri trial.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, asking the Knesset's approval for Matza's appointment, recalled his contribution as a member of the pre-State Lehi underground, a long-serving parliamentarian and former chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee. which often dealt with health-

"We need your strength and your energy," Netanyahu told Matza.

MK Shevah Weiss (Labor) criticized Hanegbi's appointment, although he said he wished him well and hoped he would become more moderate in the new posiSameria 11-21

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards and numbers The winning numbers in last night's Lotto draw were 1, 5, 17, 24, 31 and 34. The additional number was 49.

In yesterday's daily Chance draw the winning cards were the seven of spades, king of hearts, eight of diamonds and ace of

Knesset panel orders police to collect bail money

MANY people are forced to spend a night in jail even though they have been approved for bail, because police stations have no facilities for accepting bail money, the Knesset Law Committee heard yesterday. Thus, someone arrested after the banks have closed for the day has no way to post bail, and the police hold him overnight. The committee ordered the police to establish facilities for collecting bail payments at police stations.

Amir appeals sentence for conspiring to kill Arabs

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YIGAL Amir appealed to the Supreme Court to overturn his conviction for conspiring to murder Arabs yesterday, arguing he decided to carry out reprisals cannot be found guilty of a con- against Arabs only if a series of retical

Amir - along with brother Haggai and Dror Adani - was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court last month of conspiracy, and illegal possession and manufacture of weapons. The court sentenced him to five years in prison, which will be added his sentence of life plus six years for murdering prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and wounding

bodyguard Yoram Rubin. Amir's attorney, Shmuel Fleishman, argued that no one has ever before been convicted for conspiracy without having taken concrete steps to carry out their plans. This was not the case with the Amirs and Adani, Fleishman said, because their "plan" was conditional on a number of developments that never took place and

never were likely to do so, either. According to the district court, Fleishman said, the three had was in the case of an IDF withdrawal from Judea and Samaria that left Jewish settlements unprotected. If such a withdrawal were followed by a government figure organizing a self-defense group for the settlements, the Amirs and Adani would join. And if there were then an attack against the settlements by Palestinians, the three would fight.

Since none of these developments even now are contemplated, Fleishman said, the Amirs' "plans" were more fantasy than coaspiracy.

Convicting someone on the basis of mere talk that had no likelihood of turning into action violates legal precedent and turns the government into "Big Brother," Fleishman said.





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